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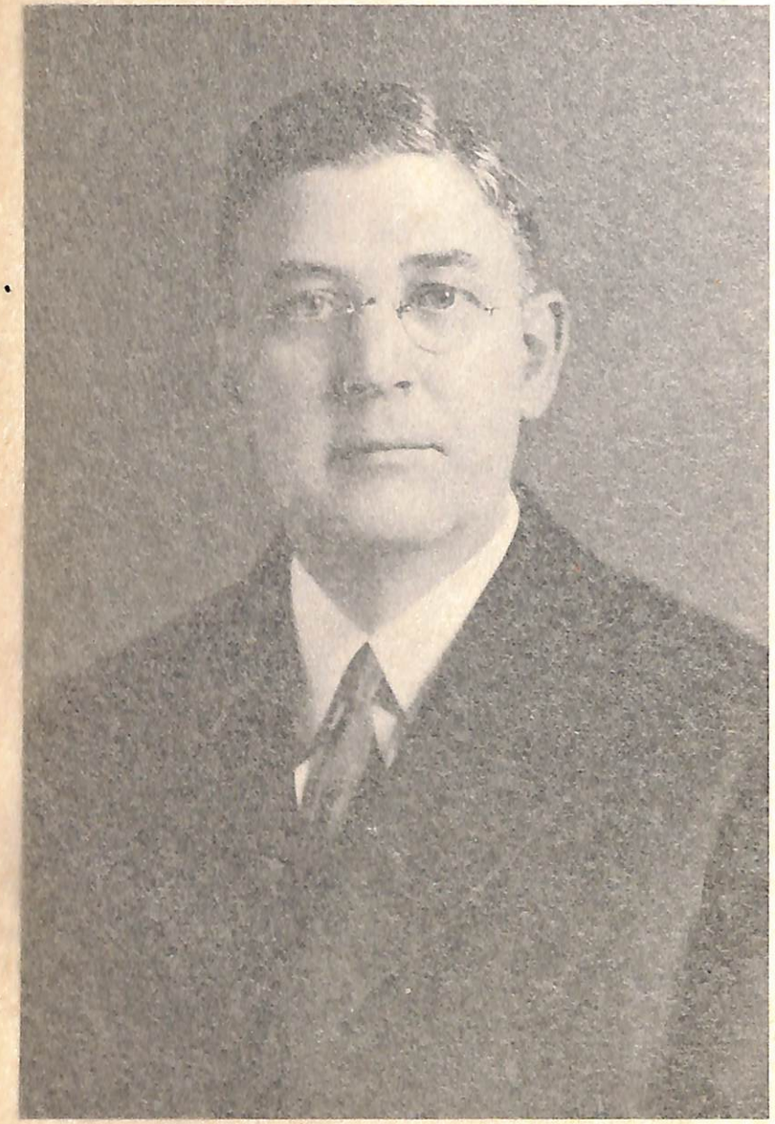

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Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island

AT ITS

130th Semi-Annual Conclave

MAY 12, 1936, A. O. 818

PROVIDENCE, R. I., May 12, 1936

A CONSTITUTIONAL number of Commanderies being represented, Grand Commandery re-convened at 10 o'clock A.M., our Grand Prelate, Rev. Francis W. Gibbs invoking Divine blessing and guidance, R.∴E.∴Sir Harold W. Sprague presiding.

Present 110 Templars representing 37 Commanderies. Thomas Smith Webb Commandery No. 51 Escort under Command of Sir Knight Ernest T. Newton, Captain of the Guard, assisted in the reception of the following named distinguished visitors:—

R.·.E.·.Harry G. Pollard, Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the U. S. A.
R.·.E.·.C. Byron Lear, Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the U. S. A.
Ill.·.William L. Sweet, 33° Deputy for Rhode Island A. A. S. R.
M.·.I.·.George F. Ward, Grand Master Grand Council R. & S. M. of Rhode Island.
M.·.I.·.Arthur A. A. Stewart, Grand Master of the Grand Council R. & S. Masters of Massachusetts.
M.·.W.·.James A. Tillinghast, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Rhode Island.
M.·.W.·.Claude L. Allen, Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

R.·.E.·.Sir HAROLD W. SPRAGUE . . . . . *Grand Commander*
V.·.E.·.Sir CHARLES T. CONVERSE . . . . . *Deputy Grand Commander*
E.·.Sir GEORGE T. EVERETT . . . . . *Grand Generalissimo*
E.·.Sir ADELBERT E. PLACE . . . . . *Grand Captain General*
E.·.Sir HARRISON HYSLOP . . . . . *Grand Senior Warden*
E.·.Sir ARTHUR A. A. STEWART . . . . . *Grand Junior Warden*
E.·.Sir and Rev. FRANCIS W. GIBBS . . . . . *Grand Prelate*
E.·.Sir CHARLES W. HENDERSON . . . . . *Grand Treasurer*
E.·.Sir MARTIN J. PLESCHINGER. . . . . *Grand Recorder*
E.·.Sir JOHN E. RINES . . . . . *Grand Standard Bearer*
E.·.Sir ARLAN M. SPENCER . . . . . *Grand Sword Bearer*
E.·.Sir GEORGE W. SPRAGUE . . . . . *Grand Warder*
E.·.Sir RALPH A. ROBBINS . . . . . *Grand Captain of the Guard*
E.·.Sir HERBERT F. SAWYER . . . . . *Grand Sentinel*
E.·.Sir WILLIAM O. TUCKERMAN . . . . . *Division Commander*
E.·.Sir GEORGE B. SAMPSON . . . . . *Division Commander*
E.·.Sir G. LESTER MARSTON . . . . . *Division Commander*
E.·.Sir FRANK H. WILSON . . . . . *Division Commander*
E.·.Sir HERVEY MASON . . . . . *Inspector Instructor*

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS PRESENT

R.·.E.·.Sir Walter W. Burnham
R.·.E.·.Sir Harry G. Pollard
R.·.E.·.Sir Charles F. White
R.·.E.·.Sir Benjamin F. Downing
R.·.E.·.Sir George L. Dodd
R.·.E.·.Sir William S. Hamilton
R.·.E.·.Sir Arthur S. Vaughn

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Arizona	E.·. Sir Adelbert E.Place
Florida	V.·.E.·.Sir Charles T. Converse
Illinois	E.·.Sir William A. Mann
Iowa	R.·.E.·.Sir William S. Hamilton
Maine	E.·.Sir George T. Everett
Maryland	R.·.E.·.Sir Walter W. Burnham
Michigan	E.·.Sir George W. Sprague
Minnesota	E.·.Sir William M. Burchfield, Jr.
Missouri	R.·.E.·.Sir Harry G. Pollard
Montana	E.·.Sir Hervey Mason
Nebraska	E.·.Sir Herbert F. Sawyer
New Jersey	R.·.E.·.Sir Arthur S. Vaughn
New Mexico	R.·.E.·.Sir Benjamin F. Downing
Ohio	E.·.Sir Charles W. Henderson, Jr.
Pennsylvania	R.·.E.·.Sir Charles F. White
South Carolina	E.·.Sir Martin J. Pleschinger
Utah	E.·.Sir Charles A. Harrington
Virginia	R.·.E.·.Sir George L. Dodd
Washington	R.·.E.·.Sir Harold W. Sprague

It was moved and seconded that the records as printed in the proceedings be approved.

So recorded.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported that the amendment of Olivet Commandery No. 36 to hold their Annual Conclave in June and Installation in October was disapproved and it was so voted.

M.·.W.·.James A. Tillinghast, Grand Master of Masons in Rhode Island on being presented, extended the fraternal greetings of the Grand Lodge to this Grand Commandery and expressed himself as being enthusiastic about the future of Masonry in all of its branches and stated that he looked forward to a greater growth just ahead of us as Masonry, he believed, was headed for much higher heights and for greater things to come.

M.·.W.·.Claude L. Allen, Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts brought the greetings of the Masons in Massachusetts, complimented the collateral bodies on the splendid harmony which existed between them and gave an interesting and illuminating resume of the work the Masons did during the period of flood disasters, which in many instances extended beyond the confines of Masonic families, demonstrating, he said, that when the test comes we are all of one family irrespective of race, creed or religion.

NEW BUSINESS

R.·.E.·.Sir Harry G. Pollard nominated Em.·.Sir James Young, Jr., Past Commander of Winslow Lewis Commandery No. 18 of Salem, Massachusetts as the successor of R.·.E.·.Sir Frederick H. Briggs, deceased, to complete the unexpired term as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Grand Fund of this Grand Commandery. Unanimously elected.

Em.·.Sir Ethelbert Grabill, Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence presented his report on proposed amendments to our Grand Constitution to bring them in harmony with the Constitution and statutes of the Grand Encampment and recommended that they be referred to the full Committee on Jurisprudence to report at the Annual Conclave in October. So Voted.

An expression of appreciation was extended to the Escort from Thomas Smith Webb Commandery No. 51, for the assistance during the Conclave.

Benediction was pronounced by our Grand Prelate, Rev. Francis W. Gibbs and adjournment was announced at 12 o'clock noon.

Luncheon at the Narragansett Hotel was served at 12.30 following which Rev. and Sir Knight Victor A. Sawyer made a striking address on "The Romance of the American Constitution."

SEMI-ANNUAL ADDRESS OF

Grand Commander

Right Eminent Harold W. Sprague

My Fraters:—

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island welcomes you to this Semi-Annual Conclave, which marks the half-way post in this one-hundred and thirty-first year of our existence as a Grand Commandery. It is my hope that the spirit which is manifest in our deliberations, will convey to you all, an impression of that spirit which, since our organization in 1805, has animated and directed the hearts, minds and hands of those who have labored that our Christian Order of Templary might occupy its rightful place in the Masonic structure.

As in the past we have abundant cause to be thankful to the Great Captain of our Salvation for His manifold blessings, so richly bestowed upon us as individual Sir Knights and as an Order bound together by ties of Christian brotherhood. Let us trust that He will guide us in our deliberations today, and vouchsafe to us His protecting care and favor in the years to come.

GUESTS

Ours is a unique jurisdiction in that it embraces two states, each of which has its own Grand Masonic Bodies, and for this reason it has seemed proper to recognize this fact in extending invitations to the guests of Grand Commandery at this Semi-Annual Conclave. Therefore we are honored today by the presence of the presiding officers of the several Collateral Grand Bodies of both states, the representatives of the General Grand Bodies, who reside within our jurisdiction, the Grand Masters of the Grand Lodges of both states, as well as our visiting officer who represents the Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment. (Some of these distinguished guests at the last moment found it impossible to be with us and sent their regrets.)

It is with great pleasure and happiness that we welcome these distinguished guests at this one-hundred and thirtieth Semi-Annual Conclave.

We trust that their attendance here today will be as enjoyable for them as it is for us to be able to greet them here, and that they will carry to the several bodies which they represent and over which they preside, our sincere expressions of affection and esteem.

NECROLOGY

As we gather to review the events of the six months which have past, it is natural that we should turn first to the vacancies in our ranks which have been caused by the entrance of the Grim Reaper.

During this period, we have lost an active and earnest worker for the upbuilding of Templary in the passing of Right Eminent Sir Frederick Huntington Briggs, on February 25, 1936. I had been in conference with him on Templar matters only a few hours before his death, and the notice of his passing came as a particularly great shock because of its suddenness.

Right Eminent Sir Frederick Huntington Briggs, Past Grand Commander of this Grand Commandery, was born in Boston, May 5, 1866, the son of Oliver L. Briggs. He attended Chauncy Hall school with the class of 1884 and graduated from Brown University in 1889. He then entered his father's business, manufacturing billiard and pool tables, and became president in 1910. In 1891, he married Miss Ada L. Langley, and she is his only surviving relative.

He was made president of the Boston Penny Savings Bank in 1924, and built up that institution until it stands high among the banks of Boston. He was a member of the Boston Art Club, the Boston Police Square Club, and had had the title of Wambalaski or Chief White Eagle conferred upon him by the Sioux tribe of Indians.

Last October, he and Mrs. Briggs returned from a 17,000 mile, thirty-one day air journey around South America.

One of the first consistent golfers in this part of the country, he was the founder and first president of the Sharon Country Club.

Right Eminent Sir Briggs was a member of the several Masonic bodies in both the York and Scottish Rites of Freemasonry. He was a Past Master of Joseph Warren Lodge of Roxbury, Past High Priest of St. Andrews Royal Arch Chapter of Boston, Past Commander of Boston Commandery, and Past Grand Commander of this Grand Commandery.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. William E. Gardner, and by the officers of Boston Commandery in Trinity Church, on Saturday, February 29th, and were attended by a large gathering of his friends and Fraters.

His personality was quiet and unostentatious, yet attracted the attention of others by virtue of his uprightness and integrity as a business man.

Of infinite patience and charity, his counsel and advice were much sought by others with profit to themselves. As though turning the last leaf and silently closing the book, so has our loved and respected Frater passed from us, and we may rest assured his memory will flourish in immortal green.

A number of other beloved Sir Knights of this and other jurisdictions have been called to the Asylum Above during the last six months. At this point in our Proceedings, let us listen to a tribute from the Committee on Necrology.

The Committee through Eminent Sir Francis W. Gibbs made the following report:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY

May 12, 1936

It is a privilege to address you this morning as a memorial to those of our beloved fraters who have passed through the open door to that eternal home whither we are all journeying.

I often think it is a sad commentary of our way of living that our days are so crowded with duties and pastimes, we easily neglect the memory of those who have served our fraternity and who have gone in and out among us as brothers.

Each month the names of one or more come to our attention. Sir Knights who have given of themselves, a full life; fulfilling duties; meeting various experiences with courage and faith, and finding satisfaction in the friendships gained and service ren-

dered. No two were alike save in loyalty. Each had his own way of expressing his personality and making his influence felt among his fellows. We remember them as each trying in his own way to uphold the honor of Christian Knighthood.

It may be true that the names of these loyal fraters will not all find place in the halls of fame, but it must be true that each in some way touched the life of another, influencing it for good. To the one thus affected the kindly word, the generous deed, the encouraging sentiment, or the expression of faith, meant so much as to give immortal fame to him who helped in time of need.

While our Grand Commander has spoken of R.∴E.∴ Sir Briggs whose affection and loyalty to our fraternity is well known, I cannot refrain from calling attention to his influence among men as leading them to a charitable and trustful outlook upon life. Among his brother Masons, there are many who can attest his helpfulness, and outside in nearly every walk of life, men and women found him friendly and unafraid. He valued fidelity and sympathy as outstanding virtues and nothing gave him greater pleasure than acting as host to his friends. A man selected for and called to high positions because of his integrity. Such a personality is part of eternal life.

Another of our beloved fraters, "Barney" Charles E. Hull, Past Commander of St. Omer Commandery, who in his 86th year was entirely familiar with the ritual of every branch of York Rite Masonry and who for 30 years served as Prelate of his Commandery. He was known as a man four square and no one could be more sincere and lovable than he. His personality also becomes a part of the eternal whole, his soul goes marching on.

It is not in vain that we each develop a personality which reaches out influencing others, becoming thus a part of eternal life and of sacred memory. Our beloved order admonishes us to give testimony of our belief in the immortality of the soul. This is more than a statement, it is an achievement, something that is gained by the development of character through or by the living and practicing the tenets of Christian living. Templars who through long years of acquaintance with and practice of Christian virtues cannot fail to achieve that personality which is part of eternal life.

We may not be perfect, we are not. We stumble and fall only to arise and begin again to strive for the goal; each making mistakes, each exposing some weak place in our armor, but each making felt the influence of growing personality.

We appreciate the endeavors and look for the good in our fellow Sir Knights who have undertaken life's greatest adventure, leaving to us a stronger faith because they having put on immortality, have left the influence of their personality, giving us the courage to face each new day and at last pass through the open door to God's Heaven.

"For me — to have made one soul
The better for my birth;
To have added but one flower
To the garden of the earth;

To have struck one blow for truth
In the daily fight with lies;
To have done one deed of right
In the face of calumnies;

To have sown in the souls of men
One thought that will not die —
To have been a link in the chain of life; —
Shall be immortality."

— *Edwin Hatch.*

For the Committee

FRANCIS W. GIBBS,
Grand Prelate

Grand Commandery stood uncovered, while the organist played an appropriate selection to the memory of our departed fraters.

ORGANIZATION FOR 1935–36

On October 30, 1935, at the Annual Conclave, immediately upon being installed, I issued Official Circular No. 1, covering the officers of this Grand Commandery, both elected and appointed, Committees and the proposed plans for Exemplifications, Inspections, and Social Activities, together with remarks on the membership campaign, and an analysis of our membership figures. A copy of this Official Circular No. 1 will be found in addenda page 87.

DISTRIBUTION OF CONSTITUTIONS OF GRAND ENCAMPMENT

Immediately following my installation, copies of the Constitutions of the Grand Encampment, which were adopted at the San Francisco Triennial in 1934, were ordered and two copies were sent to each constituent Commandery and one to each Grand Officer on November 15, 1935.

BONDS

I have to report that the bonds of the several Grand Officers required to be bonded were duly issued in the amounts required by Grand Constitutions, and the certificates of extension of the bonds for the current year are in my possession in accordance with the provisions of Grand Constitutions.

EXEMPLIFICATIONS

Other collateral Grand Bodies in our jurisdiction have been conducting with great success District Exemplifications by geographical groups, at which each Constituent organization of the group has taken some part. It seemed to me highly desirable for the best interests of our ritual and tactical work to inaugurate such a plan in advance of our regular Inspections. This was done in accordance with the plan outlined in Official Circular No. 1. The total attendance at these nine exemplifications was 1052, an average of 117 at each, or 20 per Commandery, and as those in attendance were largely active officers and guards, I feel that most of our Constituent Commanderies were greatly benefited by these Exemplifications.

Each Exemplification was followed by a dinner and short entertainment programe, and thus an enjoyable social session was afforded for the active officers and guards of nearby Commanderies to get better acquainted.

At the Exemplification held in Providence on November 23, 1935, the Grand Master of Rhode Island, Most Worshipful James A. Tillinghast was present at the social hour and addressed the Fraters. This gracious act on his part was greatly appreciated by me and enjoyed by all who were present.

CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE

On October 31, 1935, Official Order No. 1 in regard to the Christmas Offering and Good Cheer was issued.

A copy of this Official Order is printed in addenda, page 86.

On November 9, 1935, the Christmas sentiment prepared by the Committee on Christmas Observance and our Grand Master's response, together with my request that so far as possible, the Commanderies of this Grand Jurisdiction assemble at noon on Christmas Day and reverently observe the Natal Day of the Great Captain of our Salvation, was sent out. I am happy to be able to announce that forty of our fifty-three Commanderies held Christmas Observances. A copy of the Christmas Sentiment is printed in addenda, page 85.

MAGAZINE

On November 15, 1935, I issued Official Circular No. 2, in regard to "The Templar," the magazine authorized by vote of this Grand Commandery on October 30, 1935. Due to a series of unfortunate circumstances, there has been a very great delay in publishing the first number of this magazine.

I have taken the attitude that it is of paramount importance that the first number should be right in every respect, and that any delays necessary to accomplish this were justified notwithstanding the desire of all concerned that it be published at the earliest possible date. It is my expectation that the first issue will be in your hands within a few days.

A copy of Official Circular No. 2 is printed in addenda, page 93.

ORDER OF MERIT BADGE

On November 20, 1935, it was my very great pleasure to present to Sir Knight Henry H. Harris, an Order of Merit Badge. The presentation was made within the Asylum of his own Commandery, Pilgrim No. 9, at Lowell on the occasion of the Order of Malta being worked in full form by the Past Commanders of Pilgrim Commandery.

The conditions laid down by Right Eminent Sir Hamilton, in establishing the Order of Merit are that it "be presented to members of our Order in our own Jurisdiction, by the Right Eminent Grand Commander, for the time being, in recognition of extremely distinguished service to this Order." Sir Knight Harris has served as a Trustee of the Educational Foundation from its earliest days in this jurisdiction, and has been Chairman of the Board for many years. During all of this period, he has given of his time, his devoted interest and his particular qualifications for this work, without stint and with no reward, other than the knowledge of having rendered a fine worthwhile service to the young men and women, who have been the beneficiaries of this Foundation.

I consider Sir Knight Henry H. Harris one who has rendered extremely distinguished service to our Order, and as such, eminently entitled to admission to that small group, who are wearers of the Order of Merit.

OLD RECORDS

In November 1935, there came to light some old record books of this Grand Commandery, which evidently got mixed in the bank vault with old Scottish Rite records, at the time Em ∴ Sir Benjamin W. Rowell was Grand Recorder of this Grand Body and also Secretary of the Scottish Rite Bodies of Boston. One of

these was found to be the original records of this Grand Commandery from May 6, 1805 through 1848.

The first few years were evidently in the handwriting of Thomas Smith Webb. These have been compared with our printed Proceedings of those years, published in 1875, and are identical. It is evident that these were available in 1875 and that at some time subsequent to that year, Em∴Sir Rowell put them into the bank vault with Scottish Rite documents. These original records are now in the safe of the Grand Commandery in room 205 Masonic Temple, Boston.

INSPECTIONS

The official inspections for the year have been completed and in the main with satisfactory results.

On the whole, the inspection system which has been developed over a period of eighteen years, seems to be desired by our fraters, and necessary to maintain the high standard of ritual and tactical work for which the Commanderies of Massachusetts and Rhode Island are famous.

This year we have returned to former methods of conducting inspections with a few changes which experience has shown to be desirable.

Inspections have started at 5:30 with short form opening. This requires fewer guards and officers than the long form opening, and the idea was to avoid the necessity of having the entire list of officers and guards present at five o'clock, as did our former plan.

An announced mark has been given, based on the work of the Order of the Temple and Inspection and Review, the mark being 10 minus, 9 plus, 9 minus, etc. A credit towards the mark has been given for all members present, whether in uniform or not, with an additional credit for the percentage in uniform.

Inspection dates were announced at the Annual Conclave on October 30, 1935, and the nine Division Commanders were assigned to the several divisions, in accordance with our custom since the early days of our present inspection system.

I felt however, that the Council Officers were apt to be out of touch with these activities unless they were permitted to make some inspections, and so I asked them to pick three Commanderies each, one in each division for inspection by them personally, which was done as follows—

Very Eminent Sir Charles T. Converse

Holy Sepulchre	No. 8
Berkshire	No. 22
Reading	No. 50

Eminent Sir George T. Everett

Springfield	No. 6
South Shore	No. 31
St. George	No. 44

Eminent Sir Adelbert E. Place

Calvary	No. 13
Bristol	No. 29
St. Paul	No. 40

At the start of the year, I announced through the Division Commanders that I should not attend any inspections, except in very special cases and I have made no exception to this. I did, however, attend my own Commandery inspection long enough to serve on the reception committee, and to be counted.

It seemed to me that the Division Commander was entitled to have all the lime light on that occasion, and that the Grand Commander having assigned a representative to make the inspection, should not visit at that time.

The Grand Commander in my opinion should more properly visit the Commanderies on such special occasions as Old Timer's Nights, Anniversaries, Ladies' Nights, Church Services, etc. This I have tried to do, accepting every invitation which has come to me for visits of this kind wherever possible.

BY-LAWS APPROVED

Since the Annual Conclave, the following Amendments have been approved, and these are subject to review at this Semi-Annual Conclave, in accordance with Article X, Section 9 of our Grand Constitutions.

Nov. 8, 1935	St. Paul Commandery No. 40 to reduce fee to $40.00.
Nov. 27, 1935	Joseph Warren Commandery No. 26 to reduce fee to $40.00. Also to require two signatures on checks drawn against funds in hand of Trustees and to require two Trustees to be present to visit and open safe deposit box.
Nov. 27, 1935	Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 20 to establish annual dues at $9.00.
Nov. 27, 1935	St. George Commandery No. 44 to change Annual Conclave to June and installation to September.
Dec. 20, 1935	Palestine Commandery No. 10 to reduce fee to $40.00.
Feb. 6, 1936	St. Andrew Commandery No.49 to change Annual Conclave to June.
Feb. 12, 1936	Olivet Commandery No. 36 to reduce fee to $40.00.

An amendment to the By-laws of Olivet Commandery No. 36 to change the Annual Conclave from October to June and providing for Installation of Officers in October, was voted by that Commandery on April 1, 1936, and submitted to me for approval on April 14, 1936. This calls for such a long interval between the election and installation of officers, that it seemed best to submit this to the Jurisprudence Committee for report at this Semi-Annual Conclave in accordance with Article VI, Section 2, of our Grand Constitutions.

DISPENSATIONS

The following dispensations have been issued:—

Dec. 7, 1935 To Boston Commandery No. 2, permitting a special election and installation on Wednesday, December 18, 1935, to fill a vacancy in the office of Senior Warden, due to death, and such other vacancies as might be affected thereby.

Dec. 16, 1935. To Springfield Commandery No. 6, permitting that Commandery to confer the Order of the Temple in Washington Commandery No. 1 of Hartford, Conn. on December 17, 1935, permission having been granted by the Grand Commander of Connecticut to invade that jurisdiction.

Feb. 3, 1936 To Sir Galahad Commandery No. 52, permitting that Commandery to confer the Order of Malta in the Masonic Apartments at Concord, Mass. with necessary paraphernalia, Concord being within the jurisdiction of Sir Galahad Commandery.

Feb. 25, 1936 To Milford Commandery No. 11, permitting that Commandery to exemplify "Inspection and Review" in full Templar uniform, with banners and music, at Montgomery Lodge, Milford, on March 5, 1936.

Mar. 7, 1936 To Boston Commandery No. 2, permitting a special election on Wednesday, March 18, 1936 to fill a vacancy in the Board of Trustees due to the death of Right Eminent Sir Frederick H. Briggs.

Apr. 8, 1936 To Haverhill Commandery No. 14, permitting that Commandery to appear in public to exemplify "Inspection and Review" with banners and music, at a social event to be conducted by the Haverhill Commandery Guard Association in City Hall, Haverhill, on Monday, May 25, 1936..

It has been necessary for me to decline to issue dispensation in several cases where requests were made to change the date of stated conclaves of Constituent Commanderies, because of holidays or other conflicting dates. The reason for this was that it is not within the power of the Grand Commander to issue dispensations, changing the By-laws of Constituent Commanderies.

I have also declined to issue dispensations for mixed parades, that is where all the organizations taking part were not Masonic. This is in accordance with a long list of precedents in this Grand Jurisdiction.

REQUESTS TO OTHER JURISDICTIONS

On December 10, 1935, I requested permission from Right Eminent Sir David H. Treadwell, Grand Commander of Connecticut, for Springfield Commandery No. 6 to invade that Grand Jurisdiction in order to make a fraternal visit on Tuesday, December 17, 1935 to Washington Commandery No. 1, of Hartford, Conn., and to confer the Order of the Temple. Permission was graciously granted.

On December 26, 1935 I requested Right Eminent Sir John B. Phelps, Grand Commander of Florida, to arrange for a presentation of a Thomas Smith Webb long service medal to Sir Knight Frederick A. Taylor, a member of William Parkman Commandery No. 28, and now residing in St. Petersburg, Florida. Right Eminent Sir Phelps very graciously arranged for this presentation to be made by Right Eminent Sir Henry O. Snow, Past Grand Commander and Grand Inspector General of Florida.

On May 6, 1936, I requested permission from Right Eminent Sir Frank L. Wilder, Grand Commander of Connecticut, for Narragansett Commandery No. 27 and any other Commanderies of this Jurisdiction which may join with them, to invade the Grand Jurisdiction of Connecticut, for the purpose of attending a Field Day and Outing on Wednesday, June 17, 1936, to be held with the Commanderies of Norwich, New London, and Willimantic. Permission was graciously granted.

REQUESTS BY OTHER JURISDICTIONS

At the request of the Grand Commander of Utah, the orders were conferred in Springfield Commandery No. 6, in behalf of Utah Commandery No. 1 of Salt Lake City on Companion Thomas T. Conway.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

On nomination of Right Eminent Sir E. R. Tomlinson, Grand Commander of New York, due to the death of E∴Sir R. C. Humes, I was pleased to appoint as the representative of this Grand Jurisdiction near the Grand Commandery of New York, E∴Sir George E. Bradbrook, Past Commander of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 6.

On nomination of Right Eminent Sir Otto Stehlik, Grand Commander of Texas, due to the death of E∴Sir J. C. Kidd, I was pleased to appoint as the representative of this Grand Jurisdiction near the Grand Commandery of Texas, E∴Sir Jewell P. Lightfoot.

On nomination of Right Eminent Sir T. Gaines St. John, Grand Commander of Alabama, due to the death of R∴E∴Sir Philip S. Mayer, I was pleased to appoint as the representative of this Grand Jurisdiction near the Grand Commandery of Alabama, E∴Sir Robert T. Sheppard.

Due to the death of Right Eminent Sir Frederick H. Briggs, I was pleased to suggest to the Grand Commander of Michigan, R∴E∴Sir John H. Rademaker, E∴Sir George W. Sprague, Past Commander of Bay State Commandery, No. 38, to be the representative of that Grand Jurisdiction near this Grand Commandery.

APPOINTMENTS

Owing to the death of Right Eminent Sir Frederick H. Briggs, I appointed R∴E∴Sir Clarence M. Dunbar to be a member of the Triennial Committee. It will be necessary at this Conclave to elect a successor to R∴E∴Sir Briggs to fill out the unexpired term on the Board of Trustees of the Grand Fund.

FILMS

Moving picture films of the Concord parade of 1934, and of the Providence parade of 1935, the latter largely in color, are available for the use of constituent Commanderies for a nominal rental fee.

These have been used as follows during the past six months:—

Concord Films

Nov. 1, 1935	Right Eminent Sir Ansel A. Packard, Past Grand Commander of Connecticut.

Providence Films

Nov. 4, 1935	St. Johns Commandery No. 1
Nov. 6, 1935	Narragansett Commandery No. 27
Nov. 18, 1935	Calvary Commandery No. 13
Nov. 19, 1935	St. Andrew Commandery No. 49
Feb. 28, 1936	Right Eminent Sir Horace M. N. Sigmond, Past Grand Commander of Connecticut.

Booking of these films is made through the Grand Recorder's office.

EASTER MESSAGE

I believe that the significance of Easter to our entire membership as Christian Knights should be emphasized and that our Commanderies should be urged to demonstrate to the communities in which they are located, that they believe in and practice church worship.

With this in mind, I requested the Grand Prelate to prepare an Easter Message which was made part of Official Circular No. 3 of March 1, 1936, a copy of which is printed in addenda, page 94.

PICTURE OF THOMAS SMITH WEBB

On Christmas Day, 1927, the three Commanderies located in Providence, presented a splendid portrait of Thomas Smith Webb, our first Grand Commander, to the Grand Commandery. Since that time, by bequest, another portrait of our first Grand Commander has come into our possession. After consulting with the Commanders of St. Johns, Calvary and Thomas Smith Webb Commanderies, and learning that it would be an acceptable action on the part of Grand Commandery to return the first portrait to the three Commanderies which were the original donors, I attended a Conclave of Calvary Commandery No. 13 on December 17, 1935, at which were present the three Commanders as well as many other fraters from all three Commanderies located in Providence, and there returned this gift to the three Commanderies jointly.

COURTEOUSIES AND VISITS

Many invitations have been received from the different Commanderies, full of expressions of loyalty and good will, to make fraternal visits, to attend Divine Services, to confer Veterans' Medals, and to attend those occasions made especially enjoyable by the presence of the Ladies of the Sir Knights. The Children's afternoons, observed by several Commanderies, are entitled to special mention.

I have been happy to accept many of these invitations, and wish I might have been present at all of these occasions. Conflicting dates however deprived me of enjoying the renewal of friendships in a few instances.

I have omitted the list of visitations which I have made thus far this year, preferring to reserve this for the Annual Report in October.

It is sufficient to say at this time that I have made eighty-five visits as Grand Commander since our Annual Conclave in October, have travelled 5900 miles by auto and nearly 1000 miles by train, as well as being in the Boston office of the Grand Commandery an average of nearly twice a week, not to mention numerous individual and group conferences.

I look upon the duties of the office of Grand Commander as largely executive rather than social, and yet some of the most pleasant duties of the office to me are the opportunities which it affords for renewing old friendships and making new ones.

FLOOD RELIEF

Immediately upon learning of the serious disaster due to floods in the Merrimack and Connecticut River valleys, in Massachusetts and in the Blackstone and Pawtuxet River valleys in Rhode Island, in March of this year, I appointed a Flood Relief Committee as follows:—

Very Eminent Sir Charles T. Converse, *Chairman*
Eminent Sir George T. Everett
Eminent Sir Adelbert E. Place
Eminent Sir Arthur A. A. Stewart
Eminent Sir Martin J. Pleschinger

The members of this committee as well as I, were in close touch with the Commanders in the several Commanderies located in the sections affected by the flood, when the water was rising in those places.

It appeared from the start that the one organization which was organized to do the immediate emergency relief work, such as feeding, clothing and shelter, was the American Red Cross, and it was not mere coincidence that in many places those in charge of this work for the American Red Cross were Templars or members of the Masonic Fraternity.

We learned very early in the situation, that the American Red Cross was doing a splendid piece of work. The Grand Officers were urged to spread the word as rapidly as possible that so far as temporary relief was concerned we should support the American Red Cross to the limit with contributions of such clothing and supplies as they called for, and money at least to the extent of the local quotas, and this was responded to in a splendid way throughout the entire Jurisdiction. I have yet to learn of any case where the immediate necessities of food, clothing and shelter were not supplied.

We also were in close touch with the Service Department of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island which were doing a most efficient piece of work.

In response to a telegraphic appeal of the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment for contributions for Flood Relief, I wrote him at some length explaining the local situation and the reasons why it did not seem desirable to broadcast an appeal for contributions to be sent out of the Jurisdiction.

Grand Master Agnew replied that it was not expected that the flooded states would contribute, but that the telegram was sent to advise them of the action being taken by the Grand Encampment.

On April 7, 1936, I received a letter from Right Eminent Sir Mark Norris, chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee on Flood Relief of 1936, in which he asked about the situation in this Jurisdiction, and asked five specific questions.

I quote from my reply to that letter:

"In addition to the strictly Templar activities as noted above, I have been in close touch with the Service Bureau of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts which has done a splendid piece of work, due to the efficient organization which they have permanently set up throughout the Jurisdiction, and which was prepared for emergency relief of personal suffering.

"So far as I have been able to learn there has been no call for personal emergency aid from any Templar in the Jurisdiction. Many have been seriously inconvenienced, others have suffered great financial loss, but in spite of many inquiries which I have made, I can find no case where a Templar has needed food, clothing or shelter.

"To answer your five questions, let me state as follows:—

1. We have a committee of five composed of Grand Officers, with the Deputy Grand Commander as chairman, which I have appointed as the Committee on Flood Relief.
2. This committee has been co-operating and will continue to co-operate with the Service Bureau of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.
3. Thus far no strictly Templar call for the relief of personal suffering.
4. The Service Bureau of the Grand Lodge has had a great many calls and perhaps when we have an opportunity to analyze these, we shall find some are Templars.

5. The needs of others have been very great, but have largely been taken care of so far as personal suffering is concerned by the American Red Cross.

The great need now is for rehabilitation and it is obvious that as a fraternity or as Templars we can do very little along this line:"

Since then, I have received a contribution in the amount of $500 from the Grand Encampment Committee on Flood Relief, which has been turned over to our Grand Treasurer, and the Flood Relief Committee of this Jurisdiction has been notified that is is available for their work. We have a Committee which is closely in touch with the situation, and I feel sure that their judgment as to its proper distribution will be approved by everyone.

CONCLUSION

Thus, briefly, I have given you a review of the happenings of the past six months of the Templar year.

Permit me, then, to express my thanks for the cordial and hearty support and assistance I have received from all in the performance of my duties, and to ask for your continued confidence and co-operation.

I have enjoyed the opportunities for service which have come to me as Grand Commander more than words can express.

Courteously and fraternally,

Harold W. Sprague

Grand Commander.

This report was accepted and ordered printed in the Proceedings.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONCLAVE OF THE Grand Commandery of Knights Templars AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND

OCTOBER 21, 1936, A. O. 818

BOSTON, MASS., October 21, 1936.

The One Hundred and Thirty-Third Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island reconvened in full form at Masonic Temple, Boston, Mass., at 9.30 A.M., R∴E∴ Sir Harold W. Sprague, Grand Commander, presiding, invocation being led by Rev. and E∴ Francis W. Gibbs, Grand Prelate.

Number of Commanderies represented 51, number registered as present 237.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

R∴E∴ Sir HAROLD W. SPRAGUE	*Grand Commander*
V∴E∴ Sir CHARLES T. CONVERSE	*Deputy Grand Commander*
E∴ Sir GEORGE T. EVERETT	*Grand Generalissimo*
E∴ Sir ADELBERT E. PLACE	*Grand Captain General*
E∴ Sir HARRISON HYSLOP	*Grand Senior Warden*
E∴ Sir ARTHUR A. A. STEWART	*Grand Junior Warden*
E∴ Sir FRANCIS W. GIBBS	*Grand Prelate*
E∴ Sir CHARLES W. HENDERSON, JR.	*Grand Treasurer*
E∴ Sir MARTIN J. PLESCHINGER	*Grand Recorder*
E∴ Sir JOHN E. RINES	*Grand Standard Bearer*
E∴ Sir ARLAN M. SPENCER	*Grand Sword Bearer*
E∴ Sir GEORGE W. SPRAGUE	*Grand Warder*
E∴ Sir RALPH A. ROBBINS	*Grand Captain of the Guard*
E∴ Sir HERBERT F. SAWYER	*Grand Sentinel*
E∴ Sir WILLIAM O. TUCKERMAN	*Division Commander*
E∴ Sir GEORGE B. SAMPSON	*Division Commander*
E∴ Sir G. LESTER MARSTON	*Division Commander*
E∴ Sir FRANK H. WILSON	*Division Commander*
E∴ Sir HERVEY MASON	*Inspector Instructor*

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS PRESENT

R∴E∴ Sir WALTER W. BURNHAM	R∴E∴ Sir CHARLES F. WHITE
R∴E∴ Sir FRANK L. NAGLE	R∴E∴ Sir BENJAMIN F. DOWNING
R∴E∴ Sir HARRY G. POLLARD	R∴E∴ Sir GEORGE L. DODD
R∴E∴ Sir CLARENCE M. DUNBAR	R∴E∴ Sir WILLIAM S. HAMILTON
R∴E∴ Sir JAMES A. GUNN	R∴E∴ Sir ARTHUR S. VAUGHN

Under escort of Springfield Commandery No. 6, Sir Knight William F. Childs, Captain of the Guard, the following named

distinguished fraters and guests were formally received and welcomed by our R.·.E.·.Grand Commander, Harold W. Sprague:

R.·.E.·.Sir Walter A. Delamater, Past Grand Commander of New York, and personal representative of M.·.E.·.Sir Andrew D. Agnew, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the U.S.A., introduced by V.·.E.·. Sir Charles T. Converse.

R.·.E.·.Sir Harry G. Pollard, Grand Generalissimo and R.·.E.·.Sir C. Byron Lear, Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Encampment of the U.S.A., introduced by E.·.Sir George T. Everett, Grand Generalissimo.

R.·.E.·.Sir Chauncey C. Thayer, Grand Commander; V.·.E.·.Sir Chalmers L. Pancoast, Deputy Grand Commander; E.·.Sir George E. Bradbrook, Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of the State of New York, introduced by R.·.E.·.Sir James A. Gunn.

R.·.E.·.Sir C. Forrest Dowe, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the State of Vermont, introduced by R.·.E.·.Sir George L. Dodd.

R.·.E.·.Sir Allan M. Wilson, Grand Commander; R.·.E.·.Sir Frank A. Fish, Past Grand Commander; R.·.E.·.Sir Frederic E. Everett, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of New Hampshire, introduced by R.·.E.·.Sir Walter W. Burnham.

R.·.E.·.Sir Frank L. Wilder, Grand Commander; V.·.E.·.Sir Irville A. May, Deputy Grand Commander; R.·.E.·.Sir Ansel A. Packard, Past Grand Commander; R.·.E.·.Sir Horace M. N. Sigman, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut, introduced by R.·.E.·.Sir Benjamin F. Downing.

R.·.E.·.Sir Walter P. Dow, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the State of Maine, introduced by E.·.Sir George T. Everett.

R.·.E.·.Sir William O. Thompson, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, introduced by R.·.E.·.Sir Charles F. White.

R.·.E.·.Sir Frank C. Sayrs, Grand Commander; V.·.E.·.Sir Kennington L. Thompson, Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the State of New Jersey, introduced by R.·.E.·.Sir Arthur S. Vaughn.

M.·.E.·.Wilbur A. Scott, General Grand Principal Sojourner of the General Grand Chapter of the U.S.A., introduced by R.·.E.·.Sir Clarence M. Dunbar.

M.·.P.·.Melvin M. Johnson, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of the 33° of the A. A. Scottish Rite, for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the U.S.A., accompanied by I.·.Frederick W. Hamilton, 33°, Deputy for Massachusetts, introduced by R.·.E.·. Sir Arthur S. Vaughn.

M.·.I.·.Arthur A. A. Stewart, Grand Master of the Grand Council of R. & S. Masters of Massachusetts, accompanied by M.·.I.·.George F. Ward, Grand Master of the Grand Council of R. & S. Masters of the State of Rhode Island, introduced by R.·.E.·.Sir Benjamin F. Downing.

M.·.E.·.Ralph Lowe, Jr., Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, accompanied by M.·.E.·.Ethelbert Harman, Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Rhode Island, introduced by R.·.E.·.Sir Frank L. Nagle.

M.·.W.·.Claude L. Allen, Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, accompanied by M.·.W.·.Albert Knight, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, and R.·.W.·.Henry Preston Stone, Grand Marshall, introduced by R.·.E.·.Sir William S. Hamilton.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

The Committee on Credentials reported fifty-one (51) Constituent Commanderies with a registered attendance of two hundred and thirty-seven (237).

A motion was made and carried expressing the thanks of this Grand Commandery to the escort of Springfield Commandery No. 6, for their services at the session.

ANNUAL ADDRESS OF GRAND COMMANDER

Right Eminent Harold W. Sprague

Boston, Mass., October 21, 1936.

My fraters:—

Today the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island is assembled in its One Hundred and Thirty-third Annual Conclave, with gratitude to the Great Captain of Our Salvation that He has been our Inspiration and Guide, not only during the past year, but in all the years of our existence. May we continue to look to Him for guidance throughout the deliberations of this day and in the years to come.

Let us dedicate ourselves anew to the ennobling principles of Templary and demonstrate our belief in our order by word and deed, consecrating our energies to the uplifting of our fellow men, and by the example of our own living, draw to our standard those who see in their daily tasks an opportunity for service to the Great Captain of our Salvation and who count upon His power for guidance.

GUESTS

Today we are honored by the presence of many distinguished guests. In greeting them most cordially, I express the hope that their stay with us may impress them, and us as well, with the feeling that all groupings and divisions of our Fraternity are united in the common purpose of building character. May our meeting together bind us more closely in the bonds of friendship and brotherly love.

Some of our own members are attending a Conclave of the Grand Commandery for the first time. If this is so in your case, it is my hope that you will take pride in the thought that you have a part in our deliberations, and that you will carry back to your own Commanderies the information and inspiration which

will benefit them and stimulate them to greater activity in Templary.

So to all who have assembled here today, I extend my personal greeting. The privilege of occupying the position of Grand Commander has made it possible for me to make many new friendships in this and in other jurisdictions, all of which I prize more highly than I am able to express.

NECROLOGY

There is however a feeling of sadness as we assemble today, because we miss the friendly greeting of some Sir Knights who, since we met in Semi-Annual Conclave, have entered the Asylum Above. It is true that the official line of the Grand Commandery has not been broken this year, and we are thankful, but many other Valiant Knights of this and other jurisdictions have left vacancies which it will be difficult to fill. Let us listen to a tribute to their memory from the Committee on Necrology.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY

October 21, 1936.

Right Eminent Grand Commander and Eminent Sirs:

As we come to this point in the exercises of the day, there are many of us who feel the personal loss of companionship of the beloved Fratres who have gone out to the great unseen world which we feel surrounds this where we toil and serve and love.

We recall many years of fraternal greetings and service. We extend our sympathy and regard to the families and homes from which the loved ones have gone. We honor our Fraters and set aside a page in our records to their memory. We pause in the midst of our business that for the moment we may contemplate not only the worth of their characters but as well, the great truth that we believe in the wisdom, strength and love of God in whom we trust, and in the immortality of the soul.

We were saddened during the year by the sudden departure of R∴E∴Sir Frederick Huntington Briggs, Past Grand Commander. While mention was made of this loss at our Semi-Annual Conclave in May, we cannot forget his faithful service, his kindness of heart and his unfailing integrity. Like a light set upon a hilltop, his character spread its influence throughout the jurisdiction and remembrance of him encourages many a Sir Knight in our ranks. We honor him because we trusted and loved him.

From our sister jurisdictions many noble souls have departed and to them we extend our sympathy and regard. Our Knightly faith prompts us to express the belief that

"Life is ever lord of death
And love can never lose its own."

As thus we meditate, may the thoughts awakened at this moment be such as will serve to quell our fears, deepen our respect, quicken our hopes and strengthen our faith in all that Christian Knighthood stands for and all that Christ has taught and promised.

We shall this day do many things for the "good of the Order" but nothing that is proposed or undertaken is more important than the steadying influence of that great truth which makes us feel that we are a part of the eternal plan of God. We cannot comfort nor encourage ourselves or others unless there be in our minds something which strengthens and sustains, like the sense of our relation to the Infinite. It is true that we are finite and faulty but we are so constituted that forever welling up within us is the longing to know that life is more than a passing show, limited by years as we count them.

We Knights Templars are particularly blessed in this respect in that from the entrance to the Fraternity to the conferring of Knighthood, we are impressed with the value of trust in God and the strength of truth. As we accept these principles, we find ourselves in harmony with the Divine. Here is not only consolation but the sense of assurance giving both encouragement to press on in life's toils and service, and faith in the eternal plan of God,

"That nothing walks with aimless feet;
That not one life shall be destroyed,
Or cast as rubbish to the void,
When God hath made the pile complete."

GOD AND MAN

Whenever I am prone to doubt and wonder,
I check myself, and say, the mighty One
Who made the solar system cannot blunder,
And for the best all things are being done.
He who set the stars on their eternal courses,
Has fashioned this strange earth by some sure plan.
Bow low—bow low to those majestic forces,
Nor dare to doubt their wisdom, puny man.

You cannot put one little star in motion,
You cannot shape one single forest leaf,
Nor fling a mountain up, nor sink an ocean,
Presumptuous pygmy, large with unbelief!
You cannot bring one dawn of regal splendor,
Nor bid the day to shadowy twilight fall,
Nor send the pale moon forth with radiance tender;
And dare you doubt the One who has done all?

S. A. Nagel

The Light of the World
George Sully & Co.

IN GRATEFUL REMEMBRANCE OF THE VALIANT SIR KNIGHTS, MEMBERS OF THIS GRAND COMMANDERY, WHO HAVE BEEN CALLED TO THE SPIRITUAL ADVENTURE OF ETERNAL LIFE

PAST GRAND COMMANDER

R.·.E.·.Sir Frederick Huntington Briggs, Grand Commander 1930–1931 — Died Feb. 25, 1936

PAST COMMANDERS

		Date of Death
Milford, No. 11	Horace W. Hosie	Aug. 2, 1935
Worcester County, No. 5	Phineas Rider	Oct. 19, 1935
Northampton, No. 30	George R. Spear	Nov. 1, 1935
Godfrey de Bouillon, No. 25	William H. B. Kendall	Nov. 3, 1935
St. Omer, No. 21	Charles E. Hull	Dec. 5, 1935
Beauseant, No. 41	Arthur W. Walker	Jan. 4, 1936
William Parkman, No. 28	Charles E. Lindergreen	Jan. 4, 1936
Woonsocket, No. 24	Harry H. Wardle	Feb. 1, 1936
Berkshire, No. 22	George H. Tucker	Feb. 20, 1936
Gethsemane, No. 35	Winthrop B. Sargent	Feb. 27, 1936
William Parkman, No. 28	Ellsworth C. Hathaway	Mar. 5, 1936
Gethsemane, No. 35	Edmund George Pond	Mar. 19, 1936
Athol, No. 37	Parke B. Swift	Mar. 26, 1936
Old Colony, No. 15	Frank J. F. Whiting	Mar. 29, 1936
Natick, No. 33	George R. Coolidge	Apr. 9, 1936
Bethlehem, No. 43	Aaron Cogswell	Apr. 28, 1936
Cambridge, No. 42	Hugh M. Tolar	May 16, 1936
South Shore, No. 31	Charles G. Jordan	May 21, 1936
St. Omer, No. 21	C. Sumner Emerson	June 7, 1936
Jerusalem, No. 19	Richard E. Culley	June 8, 1936
Jerusalem, No. 19	Archie E. Perkins	June 14, 1936
Athol, No. 37	Frank E. Weaver	June 15, 1936
Olivet, No. 36	Robert L. Almy	Sept. 6, 1936
South Shore, No. 31	Eben H. Cain	Sept. 30, 1936

ACTIVE GRAND OFFICERS IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS

E.·.Sir Fred J. Warnock, Grand Warder, Ohio — Died May 2, 1936

E.·.Sir Milton J. Ruak, Grand Captain General, Maryland — Died Aug. 1, 1936

Notice received from the Grand Priory of England of the death of His Majesty King George, January, 1936.

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS

		Date of Death
R.·.E.·.Sir Fred C. Schamm	Utah	Aug. 25, 1935
R.·.E.·.Sir Frederick Stearns	Kansas	July 28, 1935
R.·.E.·.Sir Henry Schaefer	Ohio	Oct. 19, 1935
R.·.E.·.Sir Philip S. Meyer	Alabama	Oct. 31, 1935
R.·.E.·.Sir John P. Contrell	New Jersey	Nov. 7, 1935
R.·.E.·.Sir Sydnor H. Lester	Oklahoma	Nov. 15, 1935

R.·.E.·.Sir John C. Kidd	Texas	Nov. 16, 1935
R.·.E.·.Sir William W. Cooper	Colorado	Nov. 16, 1935
R.·.E.·.Sir George W. Burnside	So. Dakota	Nov. 23, 1935
R.·.E.·.Sir Edwin G. Craun	Ohio	Nov. 26, 1935
R.·.E.·.Sir Henry P. McIntosh	Ohio	Dec. 24, 1935
R.·.E.·.Sir John F. Hanson	Iowa	Jan. 8, 1936
R.·.E.·.Sir Charles H. Russell	New Jersey	Feb. 3, 1936
R.·.E.·.Sir Samuel P. Cochran	Texas	Feb. 11, 1936
R.·.E.·.Sir William F. Adams	Utah	Feb. 19, 1936
R.·.E.·.Sir Elmer E. Haskell	Florida	Feb. 19, 1936
R.·.E.·.Sir Charles F. Henry	Ohio	Feb. 21, 1936
R.·.E.·.Sir LeRoy A. McGee	Utah	Feb. 22, 1936
R.·.E.·.Sir Robert F. Spangenberg	Louisiana	Feb. 22, 1936
R.·.E.·.Sir John B. Sawtell	Texas	Feb. 23, 1936
R.·.E.·.Sir Charles E. Keepers	Colorado	Feb. 27, 1936
R.·.E.·.Sir Andy P. Davis	Oregon	Feb. 28, 1936
R.·.E.·.Sir Guy W. Junker	Texas	Feb. 29, 1936
R.·.E.·.Sir Frank P. Sherwood	Utah	Mar. 8, 1936
R.·.E.·.Sir Eugene S. Hill	Minnesota	Mar. 22, 1936
R.·.E.·.Sir Ralph V. Downing	Oklahoma	Mar. 25, 1936
R.·.E.·.Sir Frank E. Ball	Indiana	May 13, 1936
R.·.E.·.Sir Eugene P. McMahon	Oklahoma	May 15, 1936
R.·.E.·.Sir John H. Dickerson	Ohio	July 10, 1936
R.·.E.·.Sir William Rae	South Dakota	July 24, 1936
R.·.E.·.Sir William H. Carter	Mississippi	July 27, 1936
R.·.E.·.Sir Philip G. Ricks	Louisiana	Aug. 5, 1936
R.·.E.·.Sir Joseph E. Monroe	Montana	Aug. 7, 1936
R.·.E.·.Sir William O. Nicholson	Washington	Oct. 7, 1936

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS W. GIBBS
ALVIN F. PEASE
WALTER A. SMITH
Committee.

After this tribute, the Grand Commandery stood in silence for a few moments in respect to the memory of the departed Fraters.

NUMERICAL

A year ago I called to your attention in Official Circular No. 1 under the analysis of our membership figures, the fact that the tide had turned. This year the figures show further evidence of this fact. We have had a considerable increase in the number admitted, (about 50%) and in spite of a small increase in the number of deaths, our net loss is the smallest it has been since 1931. The Grand Recorder's report will give the details. I repeat what I said a year ago, that "any proper method to reduce still further our net losses, either by reducing some of the loss items or by increasing the items of gains, is highly desirable and commendable."

VISITATIONS

I have made the following visits as Grand Commander since a year ago, 129 in all. These represent travel of about 10,185 miles by auto and 3,008 miles by train, as well as being in the Boston office of the Grand Commandery on 68 different days, not to mention numerous individual and group conferences. I have written 730 letters as Grand Commander.

COURTESIES AND VISITS

1935

Oct. 30.—Association of Knights Templars Commanders, Boston.
Nov. 5.—Conference at Providence with Presiding Commanders of Rhode Island and E.·.Sir James R. Crosby and E.·.Sir Albert W. Claflin about Exemplification.
Nov. 6.—Trustees of Educational Foundation at Boston.
Nov. 6.—Presented Thomas Smith Webb Medals in Narragansett Commandery at Westerly.
Nov. 9.—Exemplification at Melrose.
Nov. 16.—Exemplification at Cambridge.
Nov. 18.—Reception in Bay State Commandery at Brockton.
Nov. 20.—Conferred Order of Merit on Sir Knight Henry H. Harris in Pilgrim Commandery at Lowell.
Nov. 23.—Exemplification at Lawrence.
Nov. 23.—Exemplification at Lynn.
Nov. 23.—Exemplification at Providence.
Nov. 25.—Visitation at Paul Revere Lodge, Brockton.
Nov. 26.—Old Timers' Night at Gethsemane Commandery at Newtonville.
Nov. 30.—Exemplification at Holyoke.
Nov. 30.—Exemplification at Fitchburg.
Nov. 30.—Exemplification at Roxbury.
Dec. 7.—Exemplification at Attleboro.
Dec. 9.—Annual Assembly of Grand Council of R. & S. Masters of Massachusetts at Boston.
Dec. 10.—Annual Convocation of Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts at Boston.
Dec. 11.—Annual Communication of Grand Lodge of Massachusetts at Boston.
Dec. 16.—Bay State Commandery at Brockton.
Dec. 17.—Presented Thomas Smith Webb medals in Calvary Commandery, also picture of Thomas Smith Webb to three Commanderies of Providence jointly, at Providence.
Dec. 22.—Meeting of Council officers of Grand Commandery at Brockton.
Dec. 25.—Christmas Conclave at Cyprus Commandery at Hyde Park.
Dec. 27.—Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, Installation and Feast of St. John, at Boston.

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Jan. 3.—Meeting of Mt. Calvary Chapter of Rose Croix of which the Grand Junior Warden, E.·.Sir Arthur A. A. Stewart, was Most Wise Master, at Lowell.
Jan. 7.—Rehearsal of Coeur de Lion Commandery at Charlestown.
Jan. 17.—Annual meeting of Association of Knights Templars Commanders at Boston.
Jan. 20.—Social Night at Bay State Commandery, Brockton.

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Jan. 21.—Annual Inspection of Mt. Horeb Commandery at Concord, N. H. by R.·.E.·.Frederic E. Everett, Grand Commander of New Hampshire.
Jan. 24.—Annual Meeting of Aleppo Temple.
Jan. 28.—Forty-First Lodge of Instruction at Campello.
Feb. 4.—Ladies' Night of Paul Revere Lodge at Brockton.
Feb. 7.—Rehearsal of St. Bernard Commandery at Boston.
Feb. 17.—Presented Thomas Smith Webb medals at Old Timers' Night in Bay State Commandery at Brockton.
Feb. 22.—Children's Party of Cambridge Commandery at Cambridge.
Feb. 22.—Children's Party of Coeur de Lion Commandery at Charlestown.
Feb. 22.—Ladies' Night of Quincy Commandery at Quincy.
Feb. 22.—Ladies' Night of South Shore Commandery at East Weymouth.
Feb. 29.—Honorary Bearer at funeral of R.·.E.·.Sir Frederick H. Briggs at Trinity Church, Boston.
Mar. 5.—Guest of Past Commanders' Association at Newark, N. J.
Mar. 6.—Annual Conclave of Grand Commandery of New Jersey at Newark.
Mar. 10.—Trustees of Educational Foundation at Boston.
Mar. 10.—Massachusetts Order of High priesthood at Boston.
Mar. 10.—Quarterly Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts at Boston.
Mar. 11.—Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge of Massachusetts at Boston.
Mar. 11.—Reception in Baalis Sanford Lodge at Brockton.
Mar. 12.—Funeral of Sir Knight Albion H. Howe, Charter member of Bay State Commandery, at Brockton.
Mar. 14.—Ladies' Night of De Molay Commandery at Cambridge.
Mar. 16.—Regular conclave and rehearsal of Bay State Commandery at Brockton.
Mar. 17.—Ladies' Night of Coeur de Lion Commandery at Charlestown.
Mar. 19.—Visitation of Brockton Council R. & S. Masters, at Brockton.
Mar. 22.—Rehearsal of Bay State Commandery at Brockton.
Mar. 23.—Inspection of Bay State Commandery at Brockton.
Mar. 24.—Ladies' Night of Cambridge Commandery at Cambridge. Received Honorary membership Badge.
Mar. 25.—Veterans' Night at DeMolay Commandery at Boston.
Mar. 29.—Funeral of E.·.Sir Frank J. F. Whiting, Past Commander of Old Colony Commandery at Whitman.
Mar. 30.—Twenty-fifth Anniversary and Ladies' Night of Quincy Commandery at Quincy.
Mar. 31.—Forty-First Lodge of Instruction at Abington.
Apr. 4.—Twenty-Ninth District Exemplification at Brockton.
Apr. 6.—Social Night of Joseph Warren Commandery at Roxbury.
Apr. 7.—Visitation of New Bedford Council at New Bedford.
Apr. 8.—Presented Thomas Smith Webb medals in St. Bernard Commandery at Boston.
Apr. 9.—Past High Priests' Night at Satucket Royal Arch Chapter at Brockton.
Apr. 12.—Easter Church Service with Beauseant, Hugh de Payens, Coeur de Lion and Reading Commanderies, at Malden.
Apr. 13.—Past Commanders' Night of Reading Commandery, at Reading.
Apr. 14.—Annual meeting of Grand Council R. and S. Masters of Rhode Island at Providence.

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April 15.—Fraternal visit to St. George Commandery at Beverly.
Apr. 16.—Presented Thomas Smith Webb medals at Old Timers, Night of Sutton Commandery at New Bedford.
Apr. 23.—Ladies' Night of Springfield Commandery at Longmeadow.
Apr. 24.—Meeting of Special Committee of Educational Foundation at Boston.
Apr. 24.—Massachusetts Consistory at Boston. Presented Ill. Harry P. Ballard, Acting Grand Sword Bearer, and Ill. Melvin M. Johnson, Sovereign Grand Commander.
Apr. 27.—Guest of M.·.W.·.Claude L. Allen, Grand Master at dedication of Masonic Temple, at Falmouth.
Apr. 28.—Guest of R.·.W.·.Frederick L. Putman, Senior Grand Warden of Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, at Forty-First Lodge of Instruction at Brockton.
Apr. 30.—Ladies' Night of Joseph Warren Commandery at Roxbury.
May 3.—Church Service with Bay State Commandery at Brockton.
May 4.—Guest of Crusader Commandery of Danbury, Connecticut, at Banquet.
May 5.—Annual Conclave of Grand Commandery of Connecticut, at Danbury.
May 6.—Guest of 1895 Triennial Committee of Portland Commandery at Banquet at Portland, Maine.
May 7.—Annual Conclave of Grand Commandery of Maine, at Portland.
May 7.—Reception to Ill. and Mrs. Leonard P. Steuart, Imperial Potentate, at Boston.
May 8.—Visitation of Satucket R. A. Chapter at Brockton.
May 11.—Fraternal visit to Natick Commandery at Natick.
May 12.—Semi-Annual Conclave of Grand Commandery at Providence.
May 12.—Meeting of Council officers of Grand Commandery at Providence.
May 12.—Meeting of Flood Relief Committee at Providence.
May 12.—Association of Knights Templars Commanders, at Rumford.
May 14.—Annual Conclave of Grand Commandery of Virginia at Norfolk.
May 15.—Fifteenth Anniversary of Thomas Smith Webb Commandery at Providence.
May 17.—Guest of Vermont Association of Knights Templar Commanders, at Burlington.
May 18.—Annual Conclave of Grand Commandery of Vermont, at Burlington.
May 19.—Presented Thomas Smith Webb medals at Old Timers' Night of Haverhill Commandery at Haverhill. Received Honorary membership Badge.
May 20.—Fraternal visit to Trinity Commandery at Hudson. Received Honorary membership Badge.
May 21.—Past Masters' Night of Brockton Council R. & S. Masters, at Brockton.
May 22.—Ladies' Night of St. Paul Commandery at North Adams.
May 24.—Annual Conclave of Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, at Harrisburg.
May 26.—Guest of Mary Commandery of Philadelphia.
June 1.—Fraternal visit to St. Johns Commandery at Providence to present picture of Thomas Smith Webb. Received Honorary membership Badge.

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June 5.—Annual Meeting of Massachusetts Council of Deliberation, at Boston.
June 7–8.—Annual Conclave of Grand Commandery of New York, at Buffalo.
June 9.—Quarterly Convocation of Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts at Boston.
June 10.—Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, at Boston.
June 10.—Veterans' Night of Hugh de Payens Commandery, at Melrose.
June 12.—Past Masters' Association of Southeastern Massachusetts, at Hingham.
June 15.—Installed officers of Springfield Commandery, at Springfield.
June 18.—Installed officers of Worcester County Commandery, at Worcester.
June 20.—Rose Croix Outing at Swampscott.
June 21.—With Bay State Commandery as escort to Plymouth Lodge to attend Divine Service at Plymouth.
June 22.—Took part in work of Order of the Temple in Bay State Commandery at Brockton.
June 24.—110th Anniversary of Mt. Horeb Commandery at Concord, N. H.
June 28.—Outing of Past Grand Commanders and Grand Commandery officers and their ladies at Megansett.
July 17.—Outing of officers and guards of St. Johns Commandery at Rehoboth.
Aug. 23.—Outing of Marking Staff and Social Committee and their ladies at Megansett.
Sept. 8.—Quarterly Convocation of Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts at Boston.
Sept. 9.—Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, at Boston.
Sept. 12.—Outing of Joseph Warren Commandery at Plymouth.
Sept. 14.—Fraternal visit to Reading Commandery at Installation.
Sept. 16.—Jurisprudence Committee meeting at Boston.
Sept. 17.—Fraternal visit to Jerusalem Commandery at Installation.
Sept. 21.—Annual Conclave of Bay State Commandery, at Brockton.
Sept. 24.—Fraternal visit to South Shore Commandery, at Installation.
Sept. 25.—Installed officers of Holy Sepulchre Commandery at Pawtucket.
Sept. 28.—Installed officers of Bay State Commandery at Brockton.
Sept. 30.—Trustees of Educational Foundation at Boston.
Oct. 2.—Installed officers of Bristol Commandery at Attleboro.
Oct. 6.—Annual Conclave of Grand Commandery of New Hampshire at Concord.
Oct. 13.—Finance Committee meeting at Boston.
Oct. 13.—Sixty-fifth Anniversary of Coeur de Lion Commandery at Charlestown.
Oct. 15.—Fiftieth Anniversary of Beauseant Commandery at Malden

In all my visits, I have been welcomed with the most cordial and Knightly regard, and no effort has been spared to make my visits enjoyable. I wish more than I can tell, that I might express the renewed faith in friendship that the year has brought me. The kindness of these many friends will remain as the most cherished memory of the year.

Many matters of importance in the first part of the year such as the Exemplifications, Inspections, Christmas Observance, Easter Message, etc. were reported at the Semi-Annual Conclave last May and so there is no need for any mention of these items at this time.

ORDER OF MERIT BADGE

At the Semi-Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery on May 9, 1934, Right Eminent Sir William S. Hamilton, Grand Commander, established the Order of Merit to "be presented to members of our Order in our own jurisdiction, by the Right Eminent Grand Commander for the time being, in recognition of extremely distinguished service to this Order, and that not more than three of these be presented in any one year."

I am about to confer the Order of Merit upon one who is eminently entitled to admission to that small group who wear it. He has served his Commandery as Commander; he has served this Grand Commandery in various capacities and on committees and is now serving as a member of the Jurisprudence Committee. During the past year, in spite of the many calls upon his time and energies, due to the exalted office he holds in the fraternity, I have found him to be always ready and willing to give advice and counsel on Masonic and Templar matters to the great benefit of this Grand Commandery.

His service to the Order was outstanding at the time of the Floods of last March. His leadership at that time of suffering and need made it possible for relief to be administered effectively and well, with little or no publicity, but to the great satisfaction and pride of those who were aware of the service rendered. Many of our Fraters in the Connecticut and Merrimack River valleys were beneficiaries of the work directed by him. And so, Most Worshipful Sir, while we recognize your exalted office as Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, it is upon you as Eminent Sir Claude L. Allen, Past Commander of Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 20, a Templar who has rendered distinguished service to this Order, that I confer the Order of Merit.

At this point the R∴E∴Grand Commander paid his compliments to M∴W∴Claude L. Allen, Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, and presented to him an "Order of Merit" badge in recognition of his service to the craft.

BY-LAWS APPROVED

Since the Semi-Annual Conclave, the following Amendments to By-Laws of Constituent Commanderies have been approved and these are subject to review at this Annual Conclave in

accordance with Article X, Section 9 of our Grand Constitutions.

May 29, 1936	Ivanhoe Commandery No. 46, to reduce fee to $40.00.
June 3, 1936	Beauseant Commandery No. 41, a number of amendments to bring their By-Laws into conformity with Grand Constitutions.
July 27, 1936	Gethsemane Commandery No. 35, to make the fee $40.00.
July 30, 1936	Cyprus Commandery No. 39, to cancel the provision for the Educational Foundation Assessment.

DISPENSATIONS

In addition to the dispensations reported at the Semi-Annual Conclave, the following have been issued:

June 10, 1936	To Narragansett Commandery No. 27, to take part in an Outing and Field Day by steamboat, stopping at New London, Conn., and Greenport, Long Island, on June 17, 1936, permission having been obtained from the Grand Commanders of Connecticut and New York, to invade those jurisdictions. Unfortunately this had to be cancelled by the local committee because an insufficient number of tickets had been sold in advance.
June 16, 1936	To St. George Commandery No. 44, permitting that Commandery to hold a Special Conclave on Thursday, June 18, 1936 at Odd Fellows Hall, Beverly, to confer the Order of the Temple, this being within the jurisdiction of St. George Commandery.
Aug. 3, 1936	To Beauseant Commandery No. 41, permitting a special election and installation on September 28, 1936, to fill a vacancy in the office of Senior Warden, due to resignation, and such other vacancies as might be affected thereby.
Aug. 25, 1936	To Sutton Commandery No. 16, permitting a special election and installation on Sept. 3, 1936, to fill a vacancy in the office of Commander, due to resignation of the Commander-elect because of ill health, and such other vacancies as might be affected thereby.
Sept. 18, 1936	To Springfield Commandery No. 6, permitting the Officers and Sir Knights of that Commandery to appear in full Templar regalia at a Public Installation of Evening Star Royal Arch Chapter of Westfield, Mass., on Tuesday, September 22, 1936.
Sept. 23, 1936	To Springfield Commandery No. 6, permitting the Officers and Sir Knights of that Commandery to appear in full Templar regalia at a Public Installation of Morning Star Royal Arch Chapter of Springfield, Mass., on Friday, Sept. 25, 1936.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

The following Commanderies, 39 in number, attended Divine Service during the year:

St. Johns, No. 1
Boston, No. 2
Newburyport, No. 3
Washington, No. 4
Worcester County, No. 5
Springfield, No. 6
De Molay, No. 7
Holy Sepulchre, No. 8
Pilgrim, No. 9
Palestine, No. 10
Calvary, No. 13
Haverhill, No. 14
Old Colony, No. 15
Sutton, No. 16

Bethany, No. 17
Winslow Lewis, No. 18
Jerusalem, No. 19
Hugh de Payens, No. 20
Woonsocket, No. 24
Godfrey de Bouillon, No. 25
Joseph Warren, No. 26
Narragansett, No. 27
William Parkman, No. 28
Bristol, No. 29
South Shore, No. 31
Trinity, No. 32
Coeur de Lion, No. 34
Olivet, No. 36
Bay State, No. 38
Beauseant, No. 41
Bethlehem, No. 43
St. George, No. 44
Orange, No. 45
Quincy, No. 47
St. Andrew, No. 49
Reading, No. 50
Thomas Smith Webb, No. 51
Sir Galahad, No. 52
Winthrop, No. 53

Public Installations of their Officers were held by these Commanderies, 13 in number:

Worcester County, No. 5
Springfield, No. 6
Holy Sepulchre, No. 8
Jerusalem, No. 19
St. Omer, No. 21
Joseph Warren, No. 26
Northampton, No. 30
South Shore, No. 31
Trinity, No. 32
Bay State, No. 38
Orange, No. 45
Reading, No. 50
Sir Galahad, No. 52

The following Commanderies, 18 in number, held Ladies' Nights:

St. Johns, No. 1
Boston, No. 2
Springfield, No. 6
De Molay, No. 7
Hugh de Payens, No. 20
St. Omer, No. 21
Godfrey de Bouillon, No. 25
Joseph Warren, No. 26
Narragansett, No. 27
South Shore, No. 31
Coeur de Lion, No. 34
Gethsemane, No. 35
Olivet, No. 36
Bay State, No. 38
St. Paul, No. 40
Beauseant, No. 41
Cambridge, No. 42
Quincy, No. 47

MAGAZINE

In spite of earnest attempts on the part of E∴Sir Clarence C. Watters to secure a sufficient amount of advertising to make The Templar financially successful, he has found that he cannot continue to publish the magazine without some financial assistance. Any proposition for such assistance which he has suggested has seemed to me not to be in accord with the original agreement and understanding, and I have taken the attitude that I could not change or modify that agreement without action by this Grand Commandery.

I feel that a fine start was made in the two issues which were published and that if sufficient advertising could have been secured to make it self supporting, a worthwhile publication might have resulted.

The magazine was "neither owned nor sponsored financially or otherwise by the Grand Commandery," but was published by

E∴Sir Watters, "at no expense whatever to this Grand Commandery," and there was to be "no expense to the Constituent Commanderies or to the Sir Knights." It was hoped that the advertising would be sufficient to pay for the cost. This has not been the case.

In behalf of Grand Commandery, I express our thanks to E∴Sir Clarence C. Watters for his efforts and our regrets and sympathy in the financial situation which makes it impossible for him to continue to publish The Templar.

PICTURE OF THOMAS SMITH WEBB

On April 8, 1935, this Grand Commandery received an original oil portrait of our first Grand Commander, Thomas Smith Webb, which had been painted by James Frothingham, a pupil of Gilbert Stuart. The portrait was formerly owned by Thomas Smith Webb Preston of Glendale, California, and was willed to the Grand Commandery by him. It was largely due to the efforts of R∴E∴Sir Clarence E. Burleigh, Past Grand Commander, and E∴Sir Eustace L. Fisk, Past Commander of Jerusalem Commandery No. 19, that we received this original portrait.

A few years before this, the Grand Commandery had been able to procure a small copy of this portrait and when Mr. Preston's widow sent the original to us, she stated that it had been her husband's request that the small copy be given to St. John's Commandery "as it was the place of Webb's first labors." Accordingly I was very much pleased to attend a conclave of St. John's Commandery No. 1 on June 1, 1936 and there present the small copy of the portrait of Thomas Smith Webb to that Commandery. The original now hangs in the office of the Grand Commandery.

HISTORICAL

Six months ago I reported to you that the original records of this Grand Commandery from May 6, 1805 through 1848 had been found among some old Scottish Rite records and were now in our possession. This leads me to tell you of the historical research into the early days of Templary in this country which has been made during the past year by Eminent Sir Jesse E. Ames, Recorder of Boston Commandery, and the results published by him in the monthly bulletin of that Commandery. Copies of the issues of that monthly bulletin, called The Crusader, which contain the results of this historical research are on file in the office of the Grand Commandery and in the library of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

Recently Eminent Sir Ames has discovered a copy of an early Templar ritual which purports to be that used in 1786. It is a manuscript copy written on paper which bears a watermark

date of 1823, and therefore this copy is not older than 1823,but there are many internal evidences that this or a similar ritual was the basis of that used in the early years of this Grand Commandery. As the Library of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts has a collection of other early Masonic rituals, I have placed a copy of this manuscript ritual in that library, so that students of these matters may have it available when studying and comparing other early Masonic rituals there.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Due to the death of E∴Sir Harry H. Wardle, I suggested to the Grand Commander of Arizona, R∴E∴Sir Fred O. Goodell, the name of E∴Sir Adelbert E. Place, Grand Captain General and Past Commander of Calvary Commandery No. 13, to be the representative of that Grand Jurisdiction near this Grand Commandery.

On nomination of R∴E∴Sir C. Forrest Dowe, Grand Commander of Vermont, due to the death of R∴E∴Sir George M. Clay, I was pleased to appoint E∴Sir G. Percy Berryman as the representative of this Grand Jurisdiction near the Grand Commandery of Vermont.

BONDS OF OFFICERS OF CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES

The Inspection Report this past year carried a question as to whether the financial officers of the Constituent Commanderies were bonded. This has revealed that a number of our Commanderies still neglect to adopt this logical and business-like method, which is a protection to the officer just as much as to the Commandery.

At my request, the Division Commanders have discussed this matter with the Commanders in their Divisions, as well as the other financial matters of budgeting and double signature on checks.

I strongly urge that the Commanderies which have not adopted these safeguards of their finances, do so at the earliest possible moment.

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The report of the Trustees of the Educational Foundation has been sent to each member of Grand Commandery with the notice of this Annual Conclave. It is worthy of careful reading. We have reason to be proud of the service which is being rendered by this Foundation, but it should be aiding even more students.

It should be made clear to all our Fraters that we have funds available to assist all needy and worthy sons and daughters of Templars and Master Masons to secure a higher education. I

urge the Commanders of our Constituent Commanderies to bring this matter to the attention of their members, not only on the notices but at Conclaves.

MIAMI 1937

Another period of three years will have been completed when the Grand Encampment meets at Miami next July.

There are sure to be many important matters of legislation to be considered at that Triennial Conclave and this together with the fact that our own Past Grand Commander, Right Eminent Sir Harry G. Pollard, is getting near to the top of the Grand Encampment line, should impel us to be well represented.

The Triennial Committee has been working throughout the year enthusing our Sir Knights and their ladies to make their plans to go to Miami.

Those who have attended one of these Triennials need no urging to make them want to go again. Those who have not, will discover a delightful way to spend a vacation in company with congenial friends.

FLOOD RELIEF

At the Semi-Annual Conclave, I told you that we had received a contribution in the amount of $500 from the Grand Encampment Committee on Flood Relief, for relief of those in this jurisdiction who had suffered from the flood of last March. Since then we have received an additional contribution of $1500, making $2000 in all.

This has been expended on the recommendation of the Flood Relief Committee of this jurisdiction as follows:

$98.83 for the payment of hospital bills of a Sir Knight for illness due directly to the flood;

$400.00 to reimburse Northampton Commandery No. 30 for money taken from its permanent fund to aid several members of that Commandery on account of the flood; and the balance $1,501.17 to reimburse the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts not only for its aid to Templars in the flooded areas but, with the approval of the Grand Encampment Committee on Flood Relief, also for its aid in part at least to other Masonic brethren.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

During the year I have been presented Honorary Membership Badges in the following Commanderies:

Cambridge Commandery, No. 42
Haverhill Commandery, No. 14
Trinity Commandery, No. 32
St. Johns Commandery, No. 1

These together with that of Quincy Commandery No. 47 which I received some years ago, I prize most highly.

DECISIONS

I have had no occasion to make any Decisions. Such questions as I have received, have been answered by what has seemed to me to be an obvious interpretation of the Constitutions and should not be called Decisions.

MISSING RITUALS

On the Inspection Reports of the past year, the Division Commanders listed twenty-three rituals missing in twelve Commanderies.

After a considerable amount of correspondence, fourteen of these were located and I have in my files certificates showing that these fourteen rituals are now in the possession of the Commanderies to which they were issued.

A very diligent search was made in the case of each of the remaining nine rituals, but as no results were obtained in the case of seven of them, certificates of loss were prepared and forwarded to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment. We are on the track of the other two and it is thought that these will be found. Three rituals have been paid for and new ones issued by the Grand Encampment.

VETERANS' MEDALS.

The Thomas Smith Webb medal is given by the Commanderies in our Jurisdiction to those Fraters who have been members in good standing for forty years or more. It has been a great pleasure to me on a number of occasions to make fraternal visits to the Commanderies to present these medals to our older members. They take great pride in receiving and wearing them, and the younger members receive an inspiration to loyalty to their Commanderies from these Veteran Fraters.

FRAMED NOTICES AND BADGES

Early in the year, Right Eminent Sir William S. Hamilton expressed the desire to get together a collection of the notices and membership badges of the fifty-three Commanderies of this Jurisdiction, have them framed separately and then assembled in a large frame to be displayed in the Grand Commandery office here in Boston. This met with my hearty approval.

This has now been put in place and if you have not already seen it, I suggest that you do so today.

In behalf of this Grand Commandery, I express our thanks to Right Eminent Sir Hamilton for this gift.

AN APPRECIATION

I should be untrue to my deep sense of obligation if I did not express once more my very great appreciation of the cordial co-operation given me by the officers of the line of the Grand Commandery. Without that cooperation, my efforts would have failed. With it, I feel we have had some success.

My special thanks are due also to E∴Sir Hervey Mason, Inspector Instructor, and his corps of deputies, and to R∴E∴ Sir Charles F. White, chairman of the Social Extension Committee and the members of his Committee. These two groups supplementing the work of the Division Commanders have made the contacts with the Commanderies in their charge. Their efforts have made it possible to put the program of the past year into effect.

I have attended all the meetings of the Trustees of the Educational Foundation for the past two years, have been in close touch with their problems, and have tried to help in every way possible. No group of fraters more generous of their time and untiring in their efforts to maintain a watchful care and judicious management of this great trust, could be imagined. We are particularly fortunate in having Sir Knight Harris as the chairman. I appreciate also the self-sacrificing service of the other members of the board.

The Jurisprudence Committee has been a real help to me from time to time, giving me sound advice when matters have been referred to them, and in recent months making a new draft of our Constitution to bring it into conformity with Grand Encampment requirements. I particularly thank its chairman, E∴Sir Grabill, for his advice and counsel.

I might go on through the list of Committees and elected and appointed officers, all of whom have given of their time and effort unstintingly whenever called upon, but time will not permit me to mention each one and thank him individually.

There is, however, one officer who should have my thanks at this time in the presence of this Grand Commandery. Ever since I was first appointed an officer of this Grand Commandery, my Deputy Grand Warder has been E∴Sir George W. Sprague, Past Commander of Bay State Commandery and my father. He has accompanied me on official and unofficial visits up and down this jurisdiction since 1925, and a year ago it was a real pleasure and satisfaction to me to be able to appoint him Grand Warder of this Grand Commandery.

He has not missed an official visit which I have made since I have been a Grand Officer. As Grand Warder he has not missed a single one of the many visits which I have made to the Commanderies in the two states of our jurisdiction during the past year. Many fraters have commented upon the unusualness of a

Grand Commander having his father as his Grand Warder. It has been a real pleasure and satisfaction to me, and I know it has been to father, that we could serve Grand Commandery together.

And now let me thank all the fraters throughout the jurisdiction who by their co-operation and helpfulness have made my duties easier and more delightful. It has been a happy year for me. My best wish for my successor is that he may be equally blessed.

CONCLUSION

And now, my fraters, I have laid before you the record of the past year, in which I have striven to uphold the Standard of Templary, and to carry forward the work according to the dictates of my understanding.

Wherever I have failed in your sight, I must accept the blame as my own; where I appear to have succeeded, I must acknowledge my debt to those loyal and devoted fraters to whom I have turned for counsel and assistance, and turning, have never asked in vain.

Courteously and fraternally submitted,

Harold W. Sprague

Grand Commander

This report was received, accepted and ordered printed in the proceedings.

The Grand Master was presented at this time and accepted the honor conferred upon him and expressed his pleasure in being privileged to be present and to bring the greetings of the Grand Lodge to this Conclave. He acknowledged the gift of Grand Commandery to the "Rainy Day Fund" of the Grand Lodge and emphasized his delight over the intimate relationship which exists between the collateral bodies and in well chosen words presented to the retiring R.∴E.∴ Grand Commander, Harold W. Sprague, a "Henry Price" Medal stating that "it is only presented to those distinguished Masons who are deemed worthy of such recognition." The response was an appreciative one. Here (11.30 A.M.) the Grand Master retired under escort.

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER

RECEIPTS

From Grand Recorder:		
Per Capita Tax	$10,548.50	
Candidates Fees	715.00	
Dues Cards	359.07	
Dinner Tickets	361.00	
Engraved Invitations	85.20	
Exemplifications	11.60	
Shoulder Straps	3.30	
Lost Rituals	30.00	
Thomas Smith Webb Medals	48.10	
Telephone	.75	
Providence Parade May, 1935:		
Per Capita	13.50	
Grand Stand Seats	12.50	
Bands	42.80	
Badges	3.75	
Showing Films	50.00	
Grand Encampment Flood Relief	2,000.00	
		$14,285.07
Income from Grand Fund		2,692.56
		$16,977.63
Cash in Bank October 1, 1935		8,982.12
		$25,959.75

DISBURSEMENTS

Grand Encampment Dues		$ 1,921.80
Annual Conclave		1,101.88
Semi-Annual Conclave		350.00
Semi-Annual Conclave 1935		10.00
Proceedings and Binding		500.46
Printing and Postage		650.70
Due Cards		340.33
Rent and Light		1,377.04
Inspections:		
Printing	$ 148.91	
Marking Officers	266.92	
Inspecting Officers	83.40	
Others	85.81	
		585.04
Salaries:		
Grand Recorder	$2,000.00	
Inspector Instructor	500.00	
Grand Treasurer	300.00	
Reviewer	150.00	
Grand Sentinel	10.00	
		2,960.00
Typist		1,040.00
Grand Commanders Fund		500.00
Bonding and Insurance		105.01
Auditing		50.00
Reserve for Triennial 1935	$500.00	
Reserve for Triennial 1936	500.00	
		1,000.00

Telephone	157.26
Office Supplies	38.77
Thomas Smith Webb Medals	120.00
Rituals lost	30.00
Christmas Circulars	11.06
Shoulder Straps	23.92
Flowers	42.05
Social Department 1935	27.17
Providence Parade, May, 1935	111.31
Providence Films, May, 1935	107.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	79.01
Flood Relief	2,000.00
	$15,239.81
Cash in Bank, September 30, 1936	10,719.94
	$25,959.75

Courteously,

CHARLES W. HENDERSON, Jr.
Grand Treasurer.

This report was received, accepted and ordered printed in the proceedings.

REPORT OF GRAND RECORDER

Boston, Mass., October 21, 1936.

I herewith respectfully present my Report for the year ending September 30, 1936.

Membership 1935			19,218
Gains			
Admitted	134		
Affiliated	19		
Reinstated	23		
Errors	1		
Total Gains		177	
Losses			
Demitted	328		
Suspended	284		
Deceased	501		
Total Losses		1,113	
Net Loss		936	
Membership 1936			18,282
Net Loss 1930	628		
1931	745		
1932	1,189		
1933	1,505		
1934	1,314		
1935	1,095		
1936	936		

Summary of Receipts and Payments

Unpaid Oct. 1, 1935 as per last Report	$2,034.05	
Less Overpaid	5.00	
		$2,029.05

Charges for Year

Per Capita Tax	$9,141.00	
Candidates Fees	670.00	
Dues Cards	342.33	
Dinner Tickets	361.00	
Every Member Canvass Cards	.55	
Engraved Invitations	86.00	
Film Charges	50.00	
Thomas Smith Webb Medals	38.35	
Providence Parade Band	42.00	
Lost Ritual Charge	70.00	
Flood Relief Donations from Grand Encampment	2,000.00	
Exemplifications	11.60	
Refund on Insurance	3.30	
Telephone Calls	1.45	
Total Charges for Year		$12,817.58
		$14,846.63
Received and paid to Grand Treasurer		$14,285.07
Balance due from Commanderies Sept. 30, 1936		$561.56
Consisting of:		
Dues for 1935	$54.00	
Dues for 1936	406.50	
Dues Cards	51.31	
Rituals and Misc.	49.75	
		$561.56

Courteously,

MARTIN J. PLESCHINGER,
Grand Recorder.

This report was received, accepted and ordered printed in the Proceedings.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF GRAND FUND

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND

Income and Expenditure Account
For the Year Ended October 21st, 1936

Income

Interest on Bonds	$2,498.75	
Interest on Savings Bank Deposits	130.79	
Total Income for Year		$2,629.54

Expenditure

Rent on Safe Deposit Box	$27.50	
Audit Fee	25.00	
Bonding Trustees	18.75	
Trustees' Expenses	6.35	
Bank Charges	.54	
Total Expenditure		78.14
Net Income for Year		$2,551.40

Note: The balance of Income for the Year Ended October 20, 1935, amounting to $2,692.56, as shown in the last Report, was paid over to the Grand Treasurer on June 15, 1936.

Balance Sheet as of October 20th, 1936

Assets

Bonds—at Book Value As per Exhibit C		$54,957.38
Deposits in Mass. Savings Banks:		
Home Savings Bank-Book No. 405308	$1,454.59	
Mechanics Savings Bank-Book No. 45422	1,608.60	
Mechanics Savings Bank-Book No. 53604	1,123.66	
Central Savings Bank-Book No. 99336	1,145.10	
		5,331.95
Cash in Union Old Lowell National Bank		5,234.81
Grand Commandery, General Fund:		
Balance of Loan for 1934 Triennial Conclave as per last account		4,499.06
Total Assets		$70,023.20

Principal Account

Balance as of October 20, 1935:		
As per last Report	$67,269.30	
Add-Premium received on Bonds called	202.50	
		$67,471.80

Income Account

As per Exhibit A	2,551.40
Total	$70,023.20

Schedule of Bonds Held on October 20th, 1936

Par				Book Value	Cost
$ 7,000.00	Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe	4%	1995	$ 7,000.00	$ 7,109.75
500.00	Baltimore & Ohio	5%	1996	500.00	500.00
1,000.00	Boston Elevated Ry	4½%	1941	1,000.00	1,017.50
3,000.00	Boston & Maine R.R.	4%	1937	3,000.00	3,157.50
2,000.00	Boston & Maine R.R.	5%	1942	2,000.00	2,000.00
1,000.00	Boston & Maine R.R.	4½%	1944	1,000.00	1,162.50
5,000.00	Boston & Maine R.R.	5%	1944	5,000.00	5,290.00
5,000.00	City of Cleveland	4½%	1946	5,000.00	5,303.00
1,000.00	City of Pawtucket, R. I.	4%	1950	1,000.00	990.00
15,000.00	City of Philadelphia	4½%	1975	15,000.00	15,501.00
2,000.00	Detroit Edison Co.	5%	1952	2,010.00	2,010.00
1,000.00	New England Tel. & Tel.	5%	1952	972.50	972.50
4,000.00	N. Y., N. H. & H. R.R.*	4%	1947	4,000.00	4,400.00
7,500.00	U. S. Treasury Bonds	4½%	1952	7,474.88	7,474.88
$55,000.00				$54,957.38	$56,888.63

* Interest due March 1st, 1936 and September 1st, 1936 unpaid.

HARRY G. POLLARD
CHARLES F. WHITE
JAMES YOUNG, Jr.
Trustees.

October 20th, 1936.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

The vouchers and records of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder, and Trustees of the Educational Foundation have been audited and the securities in charge of the Trustees of the Grand Fund examined by Sir Knight T. Rutherford Edwards, certified public accountant, and his report filed in the office of the Grand Commandery.

It is recommended that the balance of income of the Grand Fund be transferred to the General Fund.

The budget recommended for the year 1936-1937 is:

Grand Encampment Dues	$ 1,828.20
Annual Conclave	800.00
Semi-Annual Conclave	400.00
Annual Proceedings	600.00
Printing and Postage	600.00
Rent and Light	1,400.00
Inspections	900.00
Salaries	2,960.00
Stenographer	1,040.00
Grand Commander	500.00
Triennial 1937	500.00
Insurance and Bonds	130.00
Audit	50.00
Telephone	170.00
Office Supplies	40.00
Miscellaneous and Contingencies	422.80
	$12,341.00

The estimated receipts for 1936-1937 are:

18,282 Members @ 50c	$ 9,141.00
140 Candidates @ $5.00	700.00
Income Grand Fund	2,500.00
	$12,341.00

As the estimated income of Grand Commandery again is less than the preceding year, the amount of the budget has been reduced accordingly.

Courteously submitted,

BENJAMIN F. DOWNING
BERT E. HOLLAND
ARTHUR D. PRINCE
Finance Committee.

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REPORT OF TRUSTEES KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Division of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island

October 1, 1936.

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, the Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

The Trustees of the Educational Foundation submit as their report the following communication from their Executive Secretary, with the comment that they are daily more impressed by the magnitude and importance of this philanthropic undertaking. The spirit of sympathy and friendliness with which this work is administered by the Executive Secretary is building up good will towards our Fraternity, and we may felicitate our Fraters both on the altruistic spirit of helpfulness to aspiring youth and also in the belief that we are doing a work that establishes Templarism upon firmer and firmer foundations.

Your Trustees bespeak the continued active interest of the Eminent Commanders and Sir Knights in this enterprise, to the end that no worthy son or daughter of our affiliates may be obliged to go without higher education. We should be sorry to be unable to assist any worthy young man or young woman to get higher education, but it is only natural to want first to help one's own. May we not have from the East occasional reference to the work of this Educational Foundation, to the end that its accomplishments and possibilities may be better known and understood by the Fraters?

HENRY H. HARRIS, *Chairman*
DEAN K. WEBSTER
FRANK C. HARRINGTON
ARTHUR A. A. STEWART
HENRY S. SEE

To the Trustees Knights Templar Educational Foundation Division of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

In submitting my annual report, I am conscious of the fact that it should be prepared in sufficient detail to make clear all outstanding events that the members of the Grand Commandery may understand the working of the Foundation.

BOARD MEETINGS

The continued and conscientious interest of the Trustees in matters of administration has been shown by the attendance at the regular meetings of the Board, and the careful selection of candidates for loans.

In February the Grand Encampment General Order No. 4 relating to the Regulations and Forms for administration of the Educational Foundation was received from the Grand Master. This was quickly followed by instructions for proceeding. According to Sec. 18 of the Grand Encampment Constitution adopted at the Triennial at San Francisco, "the whole fund arising from the assessments equal to nine dollars for each member having been returned to the respective Grand and Sub-

ordinate Commanderies for administration and use by them, constitutes a Trust Fund for the purpose for which it was created and no others, and shall be continued under the direction and control of the Educational Foundation Committee of the Grand Encampment." The whole matter of the Fund established thus becomes a Grand Encampment affair and our part is labeled Knights Templar Educational Foundation, Division of Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The forms and regulations set up for the Standard Practice differed so widely in detail from such used by us that a special committee was appointed at the March meeting of the Trustees, of which our R∴E∴ Grand Commander was a member, to consider the matter and confer with the Educational Committee of the Grand Encampment.

Deeming it impracticable to change the system of administration and accounting as used by us, this special committee solicited permission from the Grand Encampment Committee to continue the use of same, our Trustees guaranteeing to safeguard the money in their charge and to use it for no other purpose than originally intended.

After considerable correspondence with the Secretary, R∴E∴ Sir Adrian Hamersly, outlining in detail our system and submitting copies of all forms and methods of bookkeeping, permission, subject to the approval of the Grand Encampment Educational Committee, to continue the use of our system was granted. For this we are duly grateful and much relieved.

A copy of the regulations of our Grand Commandery regarding the Educational Foundation as amended and revised at the Semi-Annual Meeting, May, 1935, was submitted to R∴E∴ Sir Hamersly and he in turn submitted a revised copy to be adopted that the same might more closely conform to the requirements of the Grand Encampment. This was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and the whole matter is to be presented by them at the Annual Conclave in October.

APPLICATIONS

The number of applications received this year is considerably less than in previous years. It is difficult to account for this unless it be the reflection of improved business conditions; possibly the entrance into the field of student aid of the National Youth Administration is contributory to the cause.

We have a sufficient balance from the amount allotted for fall loans in 1936 to allow us to extend the time for the reception of applications and we now have several in process of investigation which cannot be reported as a part of our work for the fiscal year.

COLLEGE COOPERATION

It is gratifying to report the close and cordial cooperation of the college authorities. In July we advised the various New England colleges of our service. In reply each expressed appreciation of the service we have rendered and willingness to cooperate to the fullest extent. "We appreciate your friendly interest in our students." "Your generous assistance to individual students in the past has been a great help." "The assistance which our students have enjoyed has been very substantial and much appreciated." "I pledge heartiest cooperation."

The same spirit is always shown when acknowledgment of receipt of warrants is made. "We appreciate the help you are rendering these young men and feel that you are doing a worthy act in thus assisting them with their college education." "I am happy that you have seen fit to help this young man, who has impressed us as being an altogether worthy young fellow."

ACCOUNTS

We have over 600 accounts which require constant personal supervision and as a consequence our correspondence is voluminous. At least three times each year we seek information in regard to each case, especially where there may be any question of tardiness in receiving the required remittances.

While we have reported no accounts as uncollectible this year and we have reduced the doubtful accounts of last year by receiving payment and renewal by transfer, there are several very difficult cases to be considered.

It is encouraging to report an increased number of accounts where the required payments have been completed and the accounts closed. Since the last annual report 88 students have made their final payments on loans amounting to $26,733.50.

REPAYMENTS

Our total repayments will show an increase of about 9% over the amount received in 1935. This means that 58% are making regular payments; about 3% are taking extended courses and are not earning; about 30% are irregular in their payments, while the remainder are more or less delinquent. Many of this delinquent class are earning very small wages and not a few are supporting parents or families of their own; some are entirely inattentive.

The matter of collection of amounts past due becomes a serious affair and while we are sympathetic with such cases, we remain firm in demands, trying at all times to understand each individual and impress the importance of integrity.

The attempt to understand youth is very interesting. Youth's decisions are not adult decisions and promises are made in perfectly good faith with full anticipation of being able to keep such promises; yet they find it impossible to fulfill them with the meagre salary, unsteady employment, and often added and unlooked for responsibility which becomes theirs after graduation. Very few understand the difficulty of obtaining a position, much less the necessity of budgeting any income. It is our privilege to school them without discouraging them and it becomes our duty to pursue such a course as will not break or bankrupt them, but better fit them for responsible citizenship.

The statistical report of conditions is attached.

Appreciating the cordial support and sympathetic co-operation and wise counsel of the Trustees, I respectfully submit this report.

FRANCIS W. GIBBS,
Executive Secretary.

Applications—Fall of 1936

Received 65 applications requesting		$13,205.00
52 applications approved	$10,505.00	
12 in process	2,400.00	
1 not allowed	250.00	
	$13,155.00	
1 reduction	50.00	
		$13,205.00

Analysis of Applications

23 affiliated to Knights Templars	$ 4,630.00
31 affiliated to Master Masons	6,325.00
11 non-affiliated	2,250.00
	$13,205.00

Work of the Year 1935–1936

Received, investigated, approved by the Trustees and granted loans as follows:	
October, 1935—7 loans	$ 840.00
January, 1936—84 loans, balance of grants awarded September, 1935	9,162.50
January, 1936—2 emergency loans	250.00
February, 1936—5 emergency loans	775.00
May, 1936—1 loan	150.00
	$11,177.50
Less warrant returned Feb. 13, 1936	100.00
	$11,077.50

September, 1936—2 loans paid in full	450.00
50 loans	5,027.50
	$16,555.00

Collections

Total collections on student loans, principal only	$32,454.08
88 students have made final payment on loans originally amounting to	$26,233.50

Balance of Accounts

Net notes receivable Oct. 1, 1935		$200,805.72
New notes receivable Sept. 30, 1936		16,555.00
Gross notes, receivable Sept. 30, 1936		$217,360.72
Credits, student repayments:		
Annual method	$ 6,049.96	
Monthly method	26,404.12	
		32,454.08
Net notes receivable Sept. 30, 1936		$184,906.64

Condition of the Fund

Checking account balance Sept. 30, 1936	$ 19,016.23
Savings Banks	35,500.00
Student Notes Receivable, Net	184,906.64
	$239,422.87
Amount required by the Grand Encampment	218,889.00
	$ 20,533.87
Contingent Fund in Hands of Grand Commandery	10,814.00

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Operating Income and Expense

Income

Student service charges	$4,607.15
Student interest	190.27
Registration fees	70.00
Interest from Savings Banks	1,231.57
	$6,098.99

Expense

Salaries	$4,400.00
Printing and postage	248.17
Office supplies	20.94
Bonding Executive Secretary and Treasurer	56.25
Audit	75.00
Trustees' report	27.50
Trustees' expense	37.40
Travel	37.01
	4,902.27
Profit and Loss	1,196.72
	$6,098.99

DOUBTFUL ACCOUNTS

Reported October 1, 1935—9 doubtful accounts		$2,637.50
April 5, 1936, 1 transfer to monthly payments		300.00
		$2,337.50
September 4, 1936, 1 restored to active account by payment		150.00
		$2,187.50

Receipts

Balance from 1935		$1,920.43
Student Loan Repayments	$32,454.08	
Interest Received	1,421.84	
Service Charges	4,607.15	
Registration Fees	70.00	38,553.07
	$38,553.07	$40,473.50

Disbursements

Students Loans		$16,555.00
Salaries	$4,400.00	
Printing and Stationery	248.17	
Telephone and Office Supplies	20.94	
Audit	75.00	
Expenses	158.16	
	$4,902.27	
		$4,902.27
Balance in Bank September 30, 1936		19,016.23
		$40,473.50

Courteously,

CHARLES W. HENDERSON, JR.
Grand Treasurer.

This report was received, accepted and ordered printed in the proceedings.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE TRUSTEES of the KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

DIVISION OF

THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND

September 30, 1936

Approved by Grand Commandery

October 21, 1936

ARTICLE I

NAME

To conform with the requirements of the Grand Encampment, the name shall be Knights Templar Educational Foundation, Division of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

ARTICLE II

MEETINGS AND ORGANIZATION

SECTION 1. Said Trustees shall hold regular stated and special meetings as they may by vote provide, and shall formulate and establish rules and regulations for the systematic and prompt execution of the powers conferred by this resolution. They shall have any and all necessary facilities faithfully to discharge their trust. Excepting the treasurer, they shall receive no personal compensation, but their necessary traveling and like expenses may be paid from the Fund; however, the total expense of administration hereunder in any one year shall not exceed eighty-five percent of the income received in the previous calendar year from interest, service charges and registration fees, unless such excess expenditure be specifically approved by the Grand Commander.

SEC. 2. The Trustees shall annually designate a Chairman and a Treasurer (who shall be members of the Board); also a Secretary and such other officers and employees as the Board may deem necessary for the successful administration of the funds.

ARTICLE III

ADMINISTRATION

SEC. 1. Said Trustees shall have full and adequate powers to formulate and execute any plan or plans to administer said Foundation not inconsistent with the Constitution of this Grand Commandery and the Regulations of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation Committee of the Grand Encampment.

SEC. 2. No discrimination in the granting of student loans, or the extension of any aid or assistance or help of any kind shall be based primarily or fundamentally upon birth, color, sex, religion, or fraternal connection; however, preference shall be given in the following order (1) to those of Knight Templar kinship, (2) to those of other Masonic kinship.

SEC. 3. No plan of administration shall involve the assistance or aid of any kind to any person or persons not domiciled in either of the States of Massachusetts or Rhode Island, excepting the immediate families of Sir Knights of this jurisdiction, but after the Trustees have committed themselves to a loan for a year, said loan shall not be rescinded during that year, by reason of a change of domicile by the applicant.

ARTICLE IV

CARE OF FUNDS

SEC. 1. All moneys received for account of the Foundation shall be paid forthwith to the Treasurer of the Foundation, who shall deposit the same in any public chartered depository of well-known responsibility in Massachusetts or Rhode Island in the name of "The Knights Templar Educational Foundation, Division of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island," subject to withdrawals as defined in this Article. Any officer or employee of the Trustees having charge of money shall be required to furnish a bond in such amount and with such surety company as shall be acceptible to the Trustees and the Grand Commander, the cost of same to be charged to the expense of administration.

SEC. 2. The Educational Foundation, when and as collected, shall be placed in the hands of the Treasurer and held under a separate account to be designated "The Knights Templar Educational Foundation, Division of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island." Withdrawals for the payment of regular expenses shall be made by the Treasurer upon evidence of the Trustees' approval satisfactory to the Grand Commander. Withdrawals for approved student loans shall be made by the Treasurer in the form of a draft or warrant payable jointly to the college and the student, countersigned by the Executive Secretary.

SEC. 3. The books and papers of the Board shall be subject to its absolute control except that they shall be open at all times to the inspection of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation Committee of the Grand Encampment, the Grand Commander and such officers and Sir Knights of this jurisdiction as he may designate.

ARTICLE V

REPORTS

The Trustees shall prepare and file, on or about February 1st of each year, with the Knights Templar Educational Foundation Committee of the Grand Encampment a detailed report of receipts, expenditures, investments made, notes taken and balances on hand for the preceding calendar year. Said report shall be embodied as a part of the Annual Report of the Trustees to the Grand Commandery at its Semi-Annual Conclave in May, which full report shall be printed and distributed to each member of the Grand Commandery before the said Conclave.

ARTICLE VI

AMENDMENTS

Amendments or additions to these Regulations not inconsistent with the Regulations of the Grand Encampment or the Constitution of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, may be made at any regular meeting of the Trustees, subject to the approval of the Grand Commander, due notice having been given.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

The Committee has had but one meeting since the Semi-annual Conclave. During the interim some proposed amendments to By-laws have been submitted, which were of a character which did not require submission to the entire Committee, and the Chairman merely signified to the Grand Commander his approval.

To the Committee were referred, at the Semi-annual Conclave, proposed amendments to the Constitution made necessary by enactment by the Grand Encampment of amendments made to its Constitution. These the Committee has considered with care, and submit herewith a proposed rearrangement of our Grand Constitution, which embodies the proposed amendments thus made necessary either in the form proposed to the Semi-annual Conclave or in a manner germane thereto.

The Committee recommends and moves the adoption of the Constitution in the form here proposed.

Owing to changes made in this Constitution, the entire Article IV of the Grand Regulations, relating to the Educational Foundation, becomes unnecessary. The proposed set up of the Constitution puts it in the power of our Board of Trustees of the Educational Foundation to make rules and regulations which they deem necessary and proper for the conduct of their business. These rules and regulations have to be approved each year by the Grand Commandery, and have to be consistent with regulations adopted by the Educational Foundation Committee of the Grand Encampment. It, therefore, is not necessary for the Grand Commandery to have any regulations on the subject. They only approve proper regulations adopted by our Board of Trustees of the Educational Foundation.

We, therefore, recommend and move that Article IV of the Grand Regulations be elided and that the subsequent articles be renumbered accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

ETHELBERT V. GRABILL, Chairman
THEODORE R. LOCKWOOD
WALTER W. BURNHAM
CLAUDE L. ALLEN
CHARLES A. HARRINGTON

CONSTITUTION OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS

AND THE

APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND

ARTICLE I.

NAME AND SEAL.

SECTION 1. This body shall be known and designated as, "The Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island."

SEC. 2. The seal of the Grand Commandery is as represented by the device herewith shown, and shall be kept by the Grand Recorder.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. The members of the Grand Commandery are and shall be:

(a) All its Past Grand Commanders, Past Deputy Grand Commanders, Past Grand Generalissimos and Past Grand Captains General, so long as they shall remain members of its Constituent Commanderies.

(b) The Commander, Generalissimo, and Captain General of each of its Constituent Commanderies.

(c) Each Past Commander of its Constituent Commanderies and all such Past Commanders as may have demitted from other jurisdictions and have been elected to membership by the Grand Commandery so long as they remain members of its constituent Commanderies.

(d) All Knights Templar of other Grand Commanderies who have been elected honorary members. Such membership shall not confer the right to vote.

SEC. 2. A Past Commander of a Commandery in another jurisdiction who is a member of a Commandery in this jurisdiction may be admitted to membership in this Grand Commandery, with the rank of Past Commander, by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Grand Commandery present and voting at a stated conclave, after his petition for membership shall have been received and referred to a committee of three members and report made thereon.

Said petition for membership shall state the facts of the former and present membership of the petitioner, and shall be accompanied by a certificate under seal of the Grand Commandery of which he was formerly a member, setting forth the fact of such former membership, and by a certificate from a Commandery in this jurisdiction that he is a member thereof.

SEC. 3. Any distinguished Knight Templar of another Grand Commandery under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, may be elected an honorary member by a vote of two-thirds of the members present. This action shall not confer upon him the right to vote.

ARTICLE III.

JURISDICTION.

SECTION 1. The jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery shall extend over the territorial limits of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.

ARTICLE IV.

CONCLAVES.

SECTION 1. This Grand Commandery shall hold a stated conclave in October and May of each year; at such time and place as the Grand Commander shall appoint in October for the election of officers and the transaction of the annual business; and in May, for the transaction of such business as may be presented. Special conclaves may be called by the Grand Commander; and shall be called by him upon the written request of a majority of the Commanderies. No business shall be transacted at a Special Conclave except that specified in the notice or summons.

SEC. 2. A quorum of the Grand Commandery consists of nine members entitled to vote therein, including an officer authorized to convene the same, provided three or more Commanderies are represented.

SEC. 3. Each member present in person or by proxy shall be entitled to one vote, except that the presiding officer shall vote only in case of a tie, when he shall decide the issue. Unless otherwise provided by Grand Encampment law, all questions submitted shall be decided by a majority vote of those present.

SEC. 4. The Commanders, Generalissimos and Captains General for the time being, of Commanderies under this jurisdiction, who may be unable to attend the conclaves of Grand Commandery in person, shall have the power to appoint a proxy, who shall be a member of the same Commandery. Said proxy shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of his constituent except that of taking his rank in Grand Commandery. Said proxy must, at the time of his service, present a properly authenticated certificate of his appointment, and shall not by virtue of his delegated authority become a member of Grand Commandery.

SEC. 5. During a conclave an appeal lies to the Grand Commandery from a decision of the Grand Commander save on points of order. At all other times the decisions of the Grand Commander shall have full force and effect, but they must be reviewed by the Grand Commandery at its next annual conclave. If such decisions involve the construction of the Laws of the Grand Encampment or of the Laws of the Grand Commandery, an appeal lies to the Grand Commandery.

ARTICLE V.

POWERS AND DUTIES.

The Grand Commandery is vested with the following powers and prerogatives but the enumeration shall not be construed as a limitation thereof:

(a) It shall review at its Annual Conclave all reports of its officers and may review the proceedings of its Constituent Commanderies.

(b) It may adopt such Constitution, Laws, Rules and Regulations as are not inconsistent with the Laws of the Grand Encampment and as it may deem necessary for the good of the Order.

(c) It shall, within its jurisdiction, have exclusive power to form new Commanderies and to fix the fee therefor. The fee shall not be less than One Hundred Dollars and shall be paid in advance.

(d) It may prescribe Regulations for the government of its Constituent Commanderies and may revoke any Charter.

(e) It may require its several Constituent Commanderies to pay such portion as it may deem proper of the sums received by them for conferring the Orders, and in addition such sum annually from each member of such Commanderies as it may deem necessary for the support of the Grand Commandery.

(f) It shall examine the accounts of its Grand Treasurer, and Grand Recorder, supervise the state and condition of its finances and adopt such measures in relation thereto as it may deem necessary to increase, secure and preserve the same and to insure the utmost punctuality on the part of every accounting officer in the safekeeping and delivery of the funds and property of the Grand Commandery.

(g) It may fix the territorial limits of its Constituent Commanderies and settle all controversies that may arise among them.

(h) It shall on or before July 1st of each year, pay to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment such an amount as may be prescribed by the Grand Encampment as dues for each member of its Constituent Commanderies, as shown by the returns of such Grand Commandery at its annual conclave next before July 1st.

(i) It shall require each member of its Constituent Commanderies to be provided with a Templar Uniform and to that end it may prescribe such uniform and change the same from time to time. If it fails to so prescribe, the Uniform shall be that prescribed by the Grand Encampment for members of a Subordinate Commandery.

ARTICLE VI.

Appeal to the Grand Encampment.

An appeal may be taken to the Grand Encampment from any decision or action of a Grand Commandery, on questions arising as to the construction or effect of the Constitution, Statutes or Rituals of the Grand Encampment.

ARTICLE VII.

Officers.

Section 1. The officers of the Grand Commandery shall be:

A Grand Commander,
A Deputy Grand Commander,
A Grand Generalissimo,
A Grand Captain General,
A Grand Senior Warden,
A Grand Junior Warden,
A Grand Prelate,
A Grand Treasurer,
A Grand Recorder,
A Grand Standard Bearer,
A Grand Sword Bearer,
A Grand Warder, and
A Grand Captain of the Guard.

Sec. 2. The first nine of the above officers, excepting the Grand Prelate, shall be elected. The last four, the Grand Prelate, a Grand Sentinel, Division Commanders and an Inspector Instructor, shall be appointed by the Grand Commander.

Sec. 3. Nonominations may be made for the elective officers, and as to each office the election shall be by ballot if more than one name be in nomination for that office; otherwise election for such office may be by acclamation.

Sec. 4. Grand Officers shall hold office until their successors shall have been duly elected or appointed and installed.

Sec. 5. No Knight Templar shall be eligible to any office in the Grand Commandery, except that of Grand Prelate, unless he shall be at the time a member thereof.

Sec. 6. Each Officer of the Grand Commandery, before entering upon the exercise of the duties of his office, shall take the following vow, viz: "I, (A. B.), do promise and vow that I will support and maintain the Constitution, Statutes and Rituals of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, and the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of this Grand Commandery, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office to which I have been chosen to the best of my ability."

ARTICLE VIII.

Duties of Officers.

Section 1. The duties of the Officers of the Grand Commandery shall be such as appertain to their respective stations, conforming as nearly as may be to those of the corresponding officers of the Grand Encampment. The Grand Commandery may require other service and the Grand Commander may assign to his subordinate Officers duties conformable to Templar law and usage. In addition to these general duties certain specific ones are hereinafter set out for specific Officers.

Section 2. It is the prerogative and duty of the Grand Commander to exercise, as occasion may require, all the rights appertaining to his office in accordance with the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment and the Constitution of this Grand Commandery. The Grand Commander also shall have the following specific powers and duties but the enumeration shall not be deemed a limitation thereof:

(a) To maintain a watchful supervision over all the Commanderies in his jurisdiction and to see that the Constitution, Statutes and Rituals of the Grand Encampment, and the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery are duly and promptly observed.

(b) To appoint all Committees and all Officers not made elective, and to fill all vacancies, such appointees to serve during his pleasure or until their successors have been elected and installed.

(c) To grant during any recess of the Grand Commandery Dispensations for the formation of new Commanderies. No Dispensation shall issue unless the following requirements are met:
1. A petition by nine or more duly qualified Knights Templar.
2. The consent and recommendation of the nearest Commandery in that Jurisdiction, provided that if the new Commandery is to be located in a city having more than one Commandery, two of such Commanderies must consent and recommend and provided further that if the Commanderies in such city have concurrent jurisdiction, then all the Commanderies therein stationed must consent and recommend. A dispensation when issued shall be in force until the next annual conclave of the Grand Commandery.

(d) During any recess of the Grand Commandery to arrest the Charter or Dispensation of a Commandery or to suspend from his office any Officer of the Grand or of a Constituent Commandery, but in no case shall such suspension affect the standing in the Order of such Officer or his membership in the Commandery. The Grand Commander

shall report his action in full to the next Conclave of the Grand Commandery for its final action.

(e) To visit and preside in any Commandery within his jurisdiction and to give such instructions and directions as the good of the Order may require, always adhering to the Constitution, Statutes and Rituals of the Grand Encampment and the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery.

(f) To grant Dispensations to Constituent Commanderies:

1. To hold Special Conclaves for the conferring of the Orders at places within their jurisdictions other than those named in their Charters, and
2. To permit them to receive petitions and ballot thereon at the same Stated Conclave after such notice as he may deem proper.

Sec. 3. The Deputy Grand Commander, in the event of the death, removal, absence from the jurisdiction or the mental or physical incompetency of his superior, shall act as Grand Commander. At all other times, he shall perform such duties as may be assigned him by the Grand Commander or the Grand Commandery.

Sec. 4. In case of the absence, death, removal or disability of their respective superiors, the Grand Generalissimo and Grand Captain General shall severally act as Grand Commander in order according to rank. At all other times, they shall perform such duties as may be assigned them by the Grand Commander or the Grand Commandery, or such as are traditionally appropriate to their respective stations.

Sec. 5. It is the duty of the Grand Treasurer to report to the Grand Commander, or presiding officer, as often as may be requested. He shall keep an accurate account of all moneys by him received and paid and at the Annual Conclave shall render an account thereof and of all funds in his possession duly audited by the Finance Committee. He shall pay all bills that are approved by the Grand Commander or ordered by the Grand Commandery. He shall invest any surplus, not subject to any appropriation, by and with the advice of the first two officers. He shall give bond for ten thousand dollars, or such larger amount as the Grand Commander may require, running to the Grand Commander or his successor, in some reliable surety company, such bond to be kept in the custody of the Grand Commander, the expense of such bond to be borne by the Grand Commandery.

Sec. 6. The Grand Recorder shall annually communicate to the Grand Master, the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, and to the Grand Recorders of each of the other Grand Commanderies, the roll of officers of the Grand Commandery, and such other matters as may give information as to the condition of the Order in the jurisdiction, or may conduce to the general good of the Order. He shall forward to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment on or before the first day of July of each year, the Annual Returns and Dues of the Grand Commandery. He shall annually transmit to the Grand Master and Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, copies of all the printed Proceedings and of the laws adopted by the Grand Commandery. He shall, under seal of Grand Commandery, attest all papers requiring the same. He shall collect all moneys due the Grand Treasurer. He shall record the Proceedings of the Grand Commandery in suitable books kept for the purpose. He shall, under the direction of the Grand Commander, answer communications and shall report his doings at the Annual Conclave; and shall have such other duties not hereinbefore set out as are enumerated in Section 52 of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment. He shall give a similar bond as that required of the Grand Treasurer, the expense of same to be borne by the Grand Commandery.

ARTICLE IX.

Committees.

Section 1. Immediately after his installation, the Grand Commander shall appoint the following standing committees:

On Jurisprudence, of five members,
On Finance, of three members,
Members of Educational Foundation Committee, denominated Trustees, as required by Article XII.,
On Charters and Dispensations, of three members,
On Credentials, of three members,
On Printing, of three members,
On Foreign Correspondence, of one member,
On Necrology, of three members,

and such other special committees and members to positions and duties as he may deem advisable.

Sec. 2. The Committee on Jurisprudence shall consist of five members whose duty it shall be to consider and report upon all decisions, recommendations and suggestions of the Grand Commander, which decisions, recommendations and suggestions shall be presented to said committee at least ten days prior to the annual conclave. It shall examine and report upon all questions of Templar laws and usage that may be referred to it; all propositions to revise, alter or amend Templar laws and Regulations and all resolutions or orders appertaining to procedure and practice. It shall consider and report upon all by-laws of Commanderies, additions and amendments thereto that may be referred to it by the Grand Commandery or the Grand Commander.

Sec. 3. The Committee on Finance shall consist of three members whose duty it shall be to examine and certify to the correctness of the books and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer and of the Grand Recorder, and of the Trustees of the Educational Foundation, also the securities held by the Trustees of the Grand Fund and all other moneys and securities of the Grand Commandery. This Committee shall also make such recommendations regarding the finances as may be advisable together with a budget of appropriations.

Sec. 4. The powers and duties of the Educational Foundation Committee, or Trustees of the Educational Foundation, are described in Article XII.

Sec. 5. The Committee on Charters and Dispensations shall consist of three members whose duty it shall be to examine the work, records and condition of Commanderies under dispensation and all petitions for Charters and to report thereon to the Grand Commander and the Grand Commandery. All questions relating to jurisdictional lines shall be referred to this committee for investigation and report.

Sec. 6. The Committee on Credentials shall consist of three members whose duty it shall be to ascertain the number present, together with their names, rank and Commandery and report to the Grand Commandery as early as may be at every conclave those entitled to seats therein.

Sec. 7. The Committee on Printing shall consist of three members, whose duty it shall be to supervise the printing of the proceedings and shall have authority to decide what shall be printed therein, and the Grand Recorder shall act under the advice and direction of said Committee in all matters of printing.

Sec. 8. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence shall report the doings of other Grand Commanderies and upon matters relating to other jurisdictions that may be referred to it.

SEC. 9. The Committee on Necrology shall report memorials upon deceased members.

ARTICLE X.

DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS.

SECTION 1. Dispensations for forming and opening new Commanderies may be issued by the Grand Commandery during the recess of the Grand Commandery upon the petition of not less than nine Knights Templars residing within the jurisdiction and possessing the constitutional qulifications.

SEC. 2. Dispensations so issued shall be in force only until the next Annual Conclave unless continued by vote thereof.

SEC. 3. No Dispensation shall be issued without the consent of the Commandery nearest to the place where the new one is to be located; and, if in that town or city, there is more than one, the consent of two shall be obtained.

SEC. 4. The Grand Commandery shall charge and receive for each Dispensation issued for a new Commandery, the sum of one hundred dollars, which shall be paid to the Grand Recorder before the Dispensation is issued. For every Charter originally granted and for every duplicate Charter granted in place of one lost, destroyed or so fragile that its use is deemed inadvisable, the Commandery receiving it shall pay to the Grand Commandery, the sum of fifty dollars.

SEC. 5. Charters shall be granted by vote of the Grand Commandery only, and at a stated conclave held not less than eleven months from the date of Dispensation.

ARTICLE XI.

GRAND FUND.

SECTION 1. The invested funds of this Grand Commandery heretofore established by the provisions of the Constitution and now held in accordance with said provisions, shall constitute the Grand Fund.

SEC. 2. The income of said Grand Fund may be expended for charitable or other purposes as may be determined by the Grand Commandery. All unexpended income of this fund, and all donations to the same, shall be annually added to the principal.

SEC. 3. The principal of said Grand Fund shall not be expended for any purpose except the general welfare of the Order and then only upon due notice to every member of Grand Commandery at least thirty days prior to the Conclave at which action is be taken and by a four-fifths vote of the members present at said Conclave.

SEC. 4. A board, to be styled "The Trustees of the Grand Fund of the Grand Commandery K. T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island," shall be constituted in the manner following, viz: The Grand Commander and the Grand Treasurer shall be ex-officiis members of said Board; and there shall be elected at the annual conclave each year one member for a term of three years who, during his term of service, shall hold no other office in this Grand Commandery. Any vacancy occurring in the Board shall be filled for the remainder of the term by the Grand Commandery by election at any regular or special conclave.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of said Board to hold in trust, for the benefit of the Grand Commandery, the property belonging to the said Grand Fund, and to attend to the care and safe and profitable investment thereof.

No investments shall be made except such as are legal for savings banks in either the States of Massachusetts or Rhode Island. They shall make a detailed report, in writing, of the condition of the said Grand Fund at each annual conclave. The treasurer of the Trustees shall give bonds with sureties to the satisfaction of the Grand Commander, for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office.

ARTICLE XII.

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION.

SECTION 1. The Educational Foundation shall consist of all moneys heretofore received by or allocated to the "Educational Fund" and those moneys which hereafter shall be received from assessments, fees, and contributions, or which shall be specifically allocated to said Foundation from any source, together with all interest or other income therefrom, said Foundation to be administered under the rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Trustees described in Sections 2 and 3 of this article, approved by the Grand Commandery, and consistent with the Regulations of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation Committee of the Grand Encampment.

SEC. 2. The Educational Foundation shall be administered by a Board of Trustees, to consist of the Grand Commander, the Deputy Grand Commander, and the Grand Treasurer ex-officiis, and five members, each of whom shall be a Knight Templar in good standing in a Commandery under this jurisdiction.

SEC. 3. The Grand Commander each year shall appoint one Trustee for a term which shall be five years unless he be sooner removed by the Grand Commander. The Grand Commander may remove any member of the Board at any time from office. In case of a vacancy in the Board of Trustees for any cause the Grand Commander shall forthwith appoint a successor to serve for the balance of the term of such member.

SEC. 4. The Trustees shall prepare and file, on or before February 1st of each year, with the Knights Templar Educational Foundation Committee of the Grand Encampment a detailed report of receipts, expenditures, investments made, notes taken and balances on hand for the preceding calendar year. Said report shall be embodied as a part of the Annual Report of the Trustees to the Grand Commandery at its Semi-Annual Conclave in May, which full report shall be printed and distributed to each member of the Grand Commandery before the said Conclave.

SEC. 5. The books and accounts of the Trustees shall be audited annually by a certified public accountant satisfactory to the Finance Committee of this Grand Commandery, and the auditor's report shall be included in the report of the Finance Committee at the Annual Conclave.

ARTICLE XIII.

MEMBERS OF CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES.

Every Constituent Commandery shall consist of the following officers:—

*Commander,
*Generalissimo,
*Captain General,
*Senior Warden,
*Junior Warden,
Prelate,

*Treasurer,
*Recorder,
Standard Bearer,
Sword Bearer,
Warder,
Sentinel,
Three Guards,

and such Knights Templar as may be members thereof.

ARTICLE XIV.

Officers of Constituent Commanderies.

Section 1. The officers designated by an asterisk in Article XIII shall be elected by ballot. Others shall be appointed by the Commander.

Sec. 2. Nominations may be made for the elective Officers and the election shall be by ballot, provided more than one name be in nomination; otherwise, the election may be by acclamation.

Sec. 3. Officers of Constituent Commanderies shall hold office and discharge the duties thereof for the terms for which they are elected or appointed and until their successors are duly installed.

Sec. 4. It is the duty of the Commander of a Constituent Commandery to see that the Officers and Members of his Commandery duly observe the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Commandery, the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery, and the Constitution, Statutes and Rituals of the Grand Encampment; to see that accurate records are kept and just accounts rendered; that regular returns to this Grand Commandery are made annually and that the annual dues are promptly paid. It is his duty, together with the Generalissimo and Captain General, to attend all Conclaves of the Grand Commandery. He may call special conclaves of the Commandery at pleasure.

Sec. 5. The duties of other officers are such as are traditionally appropriate, such as are described in the Constitution of the Grand Encampment, and such as may be assigned by the Commandery or by the Commander.

Sec. 6. Each Officer of a Constituent Commandery, before entering upon the discharge of the duties of his office, shall take the following vow, viz: "I (A. B.), do promise and vow that I will support and maintain the Constitution, Statutes and Rituals of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of this jurisdiction, and the By-Laws of this Commandery, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office in which I am about to be installed, to the best of my ability."

Sec. 7. Each recorder and treasurer of Constituent Commanderies shall give a bond for the faithful performance of his duties under such regulations as the Grand Commandery may enact.

Sec. 8. In the case of the temporary absence, disability, removal, or mental or physical incapacity of the Commander, the Generalissimo shall act as a Commander. In case of like disability of both Commander and Generalissimo, the Captain General shall act. In case of the death, permanent removal from the jurisdiction, or permanent mental or physical disability of the Commander, the Generalissimo shall succeed to the office and be installed. In case of like disability of the Generalissimo or his advancement as above, the Captain General shall succeed to the office and be installed. In case of the like disability of the Captain General or his advance as above, the office shall be vacant and the Grand Commander shall issue a Dispensation for an election to fill the vacancy, and any other that may occur in consequence thereof. In case of like disability of all three officers, a Dispensation may issue for a special election to fill the vacancies and any other which may result therefrom, pending which the ranking Past Commander able to serve shall act as Commander. The Grand Commander may vary this procedure for reasons he may deem sufficient, and may issue a Dispensation to fill any vacancy.

Sec. 9. Subject to the provisions of Section 8 of this Article the Grand Commander may authorize a special election to fill a vacancy or vacancies in Commandery offices.

ARTICLE XV.

By-Laws of Constituent Commanderies.

No By-Laws of any Commandery shall be valid until the same shall be approved by the Grand Commandery, provided, however, that the Grand Commander may approve By-Laws, or Amendments thereto adopted during recess, subject to review at the next stated conclave of Grand Commandery.

ARTICLE XVI.

Conclaves of Constituent Commanderies.

Section 1. Every Constituent Commandery shall hold a stated Conclave at least quarterly, at such time and place as may be specified in its Charter or designated in the By-Laws. Petitions for Orders or for membership shall be acted upon at Stated Conclaves only. No petition may be balloted on in less than two weeks from presentation to the Commandery, provided that the Grand Commander may by Dispensation authorize the presentation of and ballot upon such petition at the same Conclave.

Sec. 2. Special Conclaves may be called at the pleasure of the Commander or set by action of the Commandery and shall be held for the conferring of Orders or for such business as may be prescribed by law, and at the Place for stated Conclaves, provided that the Grand Commander may authorize the holding of such Conclaves (for the conferring of the Orders) at a place other than that specified in the Charter or Dispensation. The notice or summons for all Special Conclaves shall specify the business to be transacted, and none other shall be considered at such Conclave.

Sec. 3. A quorum of a Constituent Commandery consists of nine members entitled to vote therein, including an Officer authorized to open the same.

Sec. 4. All business of a Commandery shall be transacted in an open Commandery of Knights Templars.

Sec. 5. No appeal shall lie to the Commandery from a decision of the Commander. When the decision involves the construction or effect of the Constitution, Statutes or Rituals of the Grand Encampment, or the Laws of the Grand Commandery, or By-Laws of the Commandery, an appeal may be taken to the Grand Commandery by a Constituent Commandery, but pending the decision of the appeal, such ruling of the Commander shall be in full force and effect.

ARTICLE XVII.

Jurisdiction of Constituent Commanderies.

Section 1. Commanderies hereinafter named shall have jurisdiction as follows:

1. St. Johns Commandery, Calvary Commandery and Thomas Smith

Webb Commandery have concurrent jurisdiction over Providence, East Providence, North Providence, Johnston, Cranston, Scituate, R. I., Foster, Coventry, Warwick, East Greenwich, Barrington, Warren, R. I., and Bristol; and concurrently with Holy Sepulchre, Bristol, Godfrey de Bouillon, Sutton, and Bay State Commanderies over Taunton.

2. Boston Commandery, DeMolay Commandery, St. Bernard Commandery, St. Omer Commandery, Joseph Warren Commandery, William Parkman Commandery, Coeur de Lion Commandery, Cambridge Commandery and Cyprus Commandery have concurrent jurisdiction over Boston, Brighton, Brookline, Cambridge, Arlington, Belmont, Somerville, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Charlestown and Milton; and concurrently with Hugh de Payens, Beauseant and Reading Commanderies over Winchester; and concurrently with Beauseant Commandery over Medford.

3. Newburyport Commandery has exclusive jurisdiction over Newburyport, Salisbury, Amesbury, Newbury and West Newbury; and concurrently with St. George Commandery over Rowley and Ipswich.

4. Washington Commandery has exclusive jurisdiction over Newport, Middletown, Portsmouth, Jamestown, Little Compton and New Shoreham; and concurrently with Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery over Tiverton, R. I.; and concurrently with Narragansett Commandery over North Kingstown, R. I.

5. Worcester County Commandery has exclusive jurisdiction over Worcester, Leicester, Sterling, Boylston, West Boylston, Holden, Rutland, Oakham, New Braintree, Brookfield, West Brookfield, East Brookfield, North Brookfield, Warren, Mass., Spencer, Paxton, Sturbridge, Southbridge, Charlton, Dudley, Webster, Douglas, Oxford, Sutton, Auburn, Milbury, Grafton, Shrewsbury, and concurrently with Trinity Commandery over the town of Westboro.

6. Springfield Commandery has exclusive jurisdiction over Springfield, Blandford, Tolland, Granville, Southwick, Westfield, Russell, Montgomery, West Springfield, Agawam, Chicopee (except that part known as Willimansett), Ludlow, Palmer, Brimfield, Wales, Monson, Wilbraham, Hampden, Longmeadow, East Longmeadow, Holland and Huntington.

7. DeMolay Commandery. See paragraph 2.

8. Holy Sepulchre Commandery has exclusive jurisdiction over Pawtucket, Central Falls, Smithfield, Gloucester, Rehoboth and Seekonk; and concurrently with St. Johns, Calvary, Thomas Smith Webb, Bristol, Sutton, Bay State, and Godfrey de Bouillon Commanderies over Taunton; and concurrently with Woonsocket Commandery over Lincoln, R. I., and Cumberland.

9. Pilgrim Commandery has exclusive jurisdiction over Lowell, Dunstable, Tyngsborough, Groton, Littleton, Carlisle, Burlington, Billerica, Tewksbury, Chelmsford, Dracut, and Westford, concurrently with Hugh de Payens and Reading Commanderies over Wilmington and concurrently with Sir Galahad Commandery over Bedford.

10. Palestine Commandery has exclusive jurisdiction over Chelsea and Revere; and concurrently with Beauseant Commandery over Everett.

11. Milford Commandery has exclusive jurisdiction over Milford, Hopkinton, Holliston, Upton, Mendon, Hopedale, Bellingham, Franklin, Norfolk, Medway and Millis.

12. St. Bernard Commandery. See paragraph 2.

13. Calvary Commandery. See paragraph 1.

14. Haverhill Commandery has exclusive jurisdiction over Haverhill, Bradford, Groveland, Georgetown, Boxford, Topsfield, and Merrimac.

15. Old Colony Commandery has exclusive jurisdiction over Abington, Hanover, Rockland, Norwell, Whitman, Pembroke, Marshfield, Duxbury, Hanson, Halifax, Plympton, Kingston, Mass., and Plymouth; and concurrently with Bay State Commandery over Bridgewater and East Bridgewater.

16. Sutton Commandery has exclusive jurisdiction over New Bedford, Westport, Dartmouth, Acushnet, Fairhaven, Rochester, Mattapoisett, Marion, Wareham, Bourne, Sandwich, Falmouth, Mashpee, Barnstable, Yarmouth, Dennis, Brewster, Harwich, Chatham, Orleans, Eastham, Wellfleet, Truro, Provincetown, Tisbury, Edgartown, West Tisbury, Chilmark, Gay Head, Gosnold, and Nantucket; and concurrently with St. Johns, Calvary, Thomas Smith Webb, Holy Sepulchre, Bristol, Bay State, and Godfrey de Bouillon Commanderies over Taunton.

17. Bethany Commandery has exclusive jurisdiction over Lawrence, Methuen, Andover, North Andover, and Middleton.

18. Winslow Lewis Commandery has exclusive jurisdiction over Salem, Marblehead, and Peabody; and concurrently with St. George Commandery over Danvers.

19. Jerusalem Commandery has exclusive jurisdiction over Fitchburg, Ashby, Townsend, Pepperell, Shirley, Ayer, Lunenburg, Lancaster, and Leominster; and concurrently with Ivanhoe Commandery over Ashburnham and Westminster.

20. Hugh de Payens Commandery has concurrent jurisdiction with Reading Commandery over Melrose, Stoneham, Woburn, Reading, North Reading and Wakefield, and concurrently with Commanderies named in paragraph 2, Beauseant and Reading Commanderies over Winchester and concurrently with Pilgrim and Reading Commanderies over Wilmington.

21. St. Omer Commandery. See paragraph 2.

22. Berkshire Commandery has exclusive jurisdiction over Pittsfield, Hancock, Lanesborough, Windsor, Peru, Washington, Becket, Otis, Sandisfield, New Marlborough, Monterey, Tyringham, Lee, Hinsdale, Dalton, Lenox, Richmond, Stockbridge, West Stockbridge, Alford, Great Barrington, Egremont, Mount Washington, Sheffield, and Chester; and concurrently with St. Paul Commandery over Cheshire.

23. Connecticut Valley Commandery has exclusive jurisdiction over Greenfield, Bernardston, Leyden, Colrain, Heath, Charlemont, Shelburne, Buckland, Ashfield, Conway, Deerfield, Sunderland, Leverett, Montague Gill; and concurrently with Orange Commandery over Northfield.

24. Woonsocket Commandery has exclusive jurisdiction over Woonsocket, Blackstone, Millville, Uxbridge, North Smithfield, Burrillville and Northbridge; and concurrently with Holy Sepulchre Commandery over Lincoln, R. I., and Cumberland.

25. Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery has exclusive jurisdiction over Fall River, Swansea, Somerset, Freetown, Berkeley, Dighton, and Lakeville; and concurrently with St. Johns, Calvary, Thomas Smith Webb, Holy Sepulchre, Bristol, Bay State and Sutton Commanderies over Taunton; and concurrently with Washington Commandery over Tiverton.

26. Joseph Warren Commandery. See paragraph 2.

27. Narragansett Commandery has exclusive jurisdiction over Westerly, West Greenwich, Charlestown, South Kingstown, Exeter, Richmond, and Hopkinton, R. I.; and concurrently with Washington Commandery over North Kingstown, R. I.

28. William Parkman Commandery. See paragraph 2.

29. Bristol Commandery has exclusive jurisdiction over Attleboro, North Attleboro, Plainville, Wrentham, Foxboro, Mansfield, and Norton; and concurrently with St. John's, Calvary, Thomas Smith Webb, Holy

Sepulchre, Bay State, Sutton and Godfrey de Bouillon Commanderies over Taunton.

30. Northampton Commandery has exclusive jurisdiction over Northampton, Hatfield, Williamsburg, Whately, Goshen, Cummington, Plainfield, Worthington, Chesterfield, West Hampton, East Hampton, Hadley, Amherst, Pelham, Prescott, Greenwich, Enfield, Ware, Middlefield and Belchertown.

31. South Shore Commandery has exclusive jurisdiction over Weymouth, Braintree, Hingham, Cohasset, Scituate, Mass., and Hull.

32. Trinity Commandery has exclusive jurisdiction over Hudson, Harvard, Boxborough, Acton, Stow, Maynard, Bolton, Berlin, Marlborough, Southborough, Sudbury, Northborough and Clinton, concurrently with Worcester County Commandery, over the town of Westboro and concurrently with Sir Galahad Commandery over Concord.

33. Natick Commandery has exclusive jurisdiction over Natick, Wayland, Wellesley, Dover, Medfield, Sherborn, Ashland, Framingham, and concurrently with Gethsemane Commandery over Weston and Needham.

34. Coeur de Lion Commandery. See paragraph 2.

35. Gethsemane Commandery has exclusive jurisdiction over Newton and Watertown; and concurrently with Natick Commandery over Weston and Needham.

36. Olivet Commandery has exclusive jurisdiction over Lynn, Lynnfield, Saugus, Nahant and Swampscott.

37. Athol Commandery has exclusive jurisdiction over Athol, Phillipston, Petersham, Barre, Hardwick, Dana and Royalston.

38. Bay State Commandery has exclusive jurisdiction over Brockton, Avon, Stoughton, Easton, West Bridgewater, Carver, Raynham, Middleborough, Randolph, and Holbrook; and concurrently with St. Johns, Calvary, Thomas Smith Webb, Holy Sepulchre, Bristol, Sutton and Godfrey de Bouillon Commanderies over Taunton; and concurrently with Old Colony Commandery over Bridgewater and East Bridgewater, concurrently with Cyprus Commandery over Sharon.

39. Cyprus Commandery has exclusive jurisdiction over that part of Boston formerly known as Hyde Park and Dedham, and concurrently with Temple Commandery over the town of Canton; concurrently with Bay State Commandery over the town of Sharon, concurrently with Boston, DeMolay, St. Bernard, St. Omer, Joseph Warren, William Parkman, Coeur de Lion and Cambridge over Boston, Brighton, Brookline, Cambridge, Arlington, Belmont, Somerville, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Charlestown and Milton; and concurrently with Hugh de Payens, Beauseant and Reading Commanderies over Winchester; and concurrently with Beauseant over Medford.

40. St. Paul Commandery has exclusive jurisdiction over North Adams, Adams, Williamstown, Clarksburg, Florida, Monroe, Savoy, New Ashford, Rowe and Hawley; and concurrently with Berkshire Commandery over Cheshire.

41. Beauseant Commandery has exclusive jurisdiction over Malden; and concurrently with Commanderies named in paragraph 2, and Cyprus over Medford; and concurrently with Commanderies named in paragraph 2 and Hugh de Payens and Reading Commanderies over Winchester; and concurrent with Palestine Commandery over Everett.

42. Cambridge Commandery. See paragraph 2.

43. Bethlehem Commandery has exclusive jurisdiction over Gloucester, Rockport and Essex; and concurrently with St. George over Manchester.

44. St. George Commandery has exclusive jurisdiction over Beverly, Wareham, Hamilton and (Ipswich?) and concurrently with Winslow Lewis Commandery over Danvers; and concurrently with Newburyport Commandery over Rowley and Ipswich; and concurrently with Bethlehem Commandery over Manchester.

45. Orange Commandery has exclusive jurisdiction over Orange, Warwick, Mass., Erving, Wendell, Shutesbury and New Salem; and concurrently with Connecticut Valley over Northfield.

46. Ivanhoe Commandery has exclusive jurisdiction over Gardner, Winchendon, Templeton, Hubbardston and Princeton; and concurrently with Jerusalem Commandery over Westminster and Ashburnham.

47. Quincy Commandery has exclusive jurisdiction over Quincy.

48. Temple Commandery has exclusive jurisdiction over Norwood, Westwood and Walpole; and concurrent jurisdiction with Cyprus Commandery over Canton.

49. St. Andrew Commandery has exclusive jurisdiction over Holyoke, South Hadley, South Hadley Falls, Granby, Willimansett and Fairview.

50. Reading Commandery has concurrent jurisdiction with Hugh de Payens Commandery over Melrose, Stoneham, Reading, Wakefield, Woburn, North Reading and concurrently with Commanderies named in paragraph 2, Hugh de Payens and Beauseant Commanderies over Winchester, concurrent with Hugh de Payens and Pilgrim Commanderies over Wilmington.

51. Thomas Smith Webb Commandery. See paragraph 1.

52. Sir Galahad Commandery has exclusive jurisdiction over Waltham, Lexington and Lincoln and concurrent jurisdiction with Trinity Commandery over Concord, and concurrent with Pilgrim Commandery over Bedford.

53. Winthrop Commandery has exclusive jurisdiction over the town of Winthrop.

Sec. 2. In case of an emergency arising due to the unwarranted abuse of the rights of jurisdiction as exercised by any Commandery and when such rights are exercised against the general welfare of the Order, the Grand Commander may, with the advice of the Deputy Grand Commander, the Grand Generalissimo and the Grand Captain General, declare any stated jurisdiction concurrent, for any specified time not exceeding six months.

ARTICLE XVIII.

Annual Returns by Constituent Commanderies.

Section 1. Every Constituent Commandery shall return to the Grand Recorder a list of its officers immediately following its annual election, together with the date of their election and installation.

Sec. 2. Every Constituent Commandery shall make annually to the Grand Recorder on or before the first day of September a return of the roll of its officers and members and of all candidates for the Orders accepted or rejected up to and including June 30 next preceding, and pay to this Grand Commandery five dollars for every Companion receiving the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, and fifty cents for every member returned, and from the sum thus collected shall be paid the assessments of ten cents for every member levied by the Grand Encampment. A Commandery failing to make said annual return on the first day of September shall pay a penalty of twenty-five dollars.

ARTICLE XIX.

Orders and Qualifications.

Section 1. The Orders of Knighthood shall not be conferred upon anyone who has not received the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, Master Mason, Mark Master Mason, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Mason; nor upon anyone who is not an affiliated Master Mason and Royal Arch Mason; nor upon anyone who has not resided for at least six months within the jurisdiction of a Commandery, except as prescribed in the Constitution of the Grand Encampment for persons in the Army or Navy, without first obtaining a waiver of jurisdiction.

Sec. 2. Petitions for the Orders, or for membership can neither be received nor acted upon, except at Stated Conclaves.

Sec. 3. The petition for every candidate for the Orders in any Commandery under this jurisdiction shall be made in the following form and signed by the applicant.

Form of Petition for the Orders.

To the Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General and Sir Knights of ..... Commandery, No. .... Knights Templars.

The undersigned represents that he received the Degree of Master Mason in ..... Lodge No. .... under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of ..... and the Degree of Royal Arch Mason in ..... Chapter No. .... under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of ..... and that he is at the present time a member of ..... Lodge No. .... under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of ..... and ..... Chapter No. .... under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of ..... that he is a firm believer in the Christian religion, and that he has been rejected (by ..... Commandery of ..... on the ..... day of ..... 19 ....); that he is desirous of receiving the Orders of Knighthood conferred in your Commandery and if found worthy, promises to conform to the ancient usages and customs of the Order.

He was born on the ..... day of ..... A. D. ..... in ..... in the State of .....

His place of residence is .....

His occupation is that of ..... at .....

That he has read this petition and that he has personally signed his full name thereto.

.....

(Sign your name in full.)

Dated .....

We vouch for the good character and Masonic standing of the petitioner and recommend his admission.

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Stat. Gr. En., Secs. 148, 149, 150.

Sec. 4. The petition of one who has been rejected cannot be renewed until the expiration of at least six months after such rejection, if still residing in the jurisdiction of the Commandery petitioned. If the petitioner applies to any other Commandery, his petition cannot be acted on at any time within three years after his rejection without the consent by unanimous ballot of the Commandery by which he was rejected.

Sojourners.

Sec. 5. No Commandery shall confer the Orders of Knighthood or either of them upon any sojourner whose place of residence is within any Country, State, District or Territory or jurisdiction in which there is a Commandery, or one who has not resided for six months within the jurisdiction of the Commandery, unless consent of the Commandery having territorial jurisdiction and of the Grand Commander, where there is one, is first obtained; Provided, however, that it shall be lawful for any Commandery to receive the petition and confer the Orders upon any person connected with Army or Navy of the United States who shall have been stationed within its jurisdiction for at least six months prior to the presentation of his petition; and in the event of a violation of this section, the Commandery so offending shall be subject to discipline and be required to pay over to the Commandery having jurisdiction the amount of fees received for such admission.

Sec. 6. Membership in good standing in Lodge and Chapter is necessary to acquire or retain membership in a Commandery.

ARTICLE XX.

Fees and Dues in Constituent Commanderies.

Section 1. No Constituent Commandery shall confer the Orders of Knighthood for less sum than forty dollars, which shall be paid before the Red Cross is conferred.

Sec. 2. Fees for Life Membership or exemption from dues shall be fixed at a sum equal to at least the amount of fifteen times the sum required as annual dues, and in no case to be less than sixty dollars. Life Membership or exemption from the payment of dues shall not be given as a favor, as a compliment, or for service rendered the Order, or for any fact or reason other than the payment in cash of a fixed sum of money lawfully established by By-Law which must apply alike to all members.

Sec. 3. All money received for Life Memberships shall be separately invested in the name of the Commandery and the management and investment of the same shall be in the care of a Board of Trustees who shall be chosen by the Commandery in annual conclave. Said Trustees shall make report to the Commandery of the condition and amount of the fund and how the same is invested at each annual conclave.

Sec. 4. The income only of said fund shall be used except by two-thirds vote of the Commandery, due notice in writing to that effect having been made and continued one month with order of notice.

Sec. 5. One-tenth of the fees paid by each successful candidate for the Orders shall be allotted and paid into such permanent fund.

Sec. 6. A Commandery may elect as an Honorary Member a member of another Commandery provided the election to honorary membership shall be by unanimous ballot after due reference to a committee, and ballot to be had at some subsequent stated conclave. This Honorary Membership does not confer the right to vote nor any rank or standing in the Commandery nor does it create any liability for dues. It is merely complimentary. The election by a Commandery of one of its own members to honorary membership shall not exempt him from the payment of annual dues or assessments.

ARTICLE XXI.

Uniform.

Section 1. The uniform of this Grand Commandery and its Constituent Commanderies shall be that prescribed by their regulations.

SEC. 2. Every Constituent Commandery shall provide each and every candidate with a full Knight Templar uniform which includes a coat, before receiving the Order of the Temple.

ARTICLE XXII.

TACTICS.

The Manual of Tactics and Drill of this Grand Commandery shall be that adopted in 1920, revised in 1921 and adopted as a whole in 1922 for use in all asylum ceremonies of Constituent Commanderies.

ARTICLE XXIII.

AMENDMENTS.

SECTION 1. This Grand Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any conclave, notice of such alteration or amendment having been presented in writing at a previous conclave and printed in the call for the conclave at which action is to be taken. Amendments as proposed may be modified by Grand Commandery, but modifications must be distinctly and plainly germane to the subject.

SEC. 2. All Constitutional provisions, acts or decisions or parts of same inconsistent with this Constitution are hereby repealed and are declared null and void.

NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR INSTRUCTOR

September 9, 1936.

It is with a considerable degree of satisfaction that the Inspector Instructor submits this Nineteenth Annual Report.

Following a year of rather complete change in Inspection methods we returned quite enthusiastically to the former and generally preferred methods of many years testing.

It was feared that the effect of a year's break in the established methods might be quite noticeable. The general efficiency of former years combined with the admirable co-operation of the constituent Commanderies, however, indicated no serious change in the work of the year as the Table of Statistics will show.

Attendance at Inspections was back to nearly normal figures. The number present this year totalling 5,246, as compared to 4,701 in 1935 and 6,029 in 1934 (under the old methods). On a percentage basis of membership we find this year running 28.7% to membership as against 27.8% in 1934. It will take some time however to bring back the old time percentage IN UNIFORM.

The nine Exemplifications held in November were reasonably successful but still lack the degree of attendance necessary for their complete success. Whether better attendance will result from evening events and by working smaller groups, may be determined after another season's effort.

Unless far better attendance is secured, however, the effort and expenditure of time and money is not warranted. It therefore remains for the constituent Commanderies to determine whether or not Exemplifications in their behalf are to be a permanent part of each year's program.

Experience has proven our present method of marking most satisfactory and no change in that direction is suggested. The method of recording attendance of members whether in uniform or not with additional credits for the percentage in uniform has been generally well received and the method should be continued.

The Inspector Instructor attended 32 Inspections in this Grand Jurisdiction, visited neighboring ones and attended nine Exemplifications with the Grand Commander, in addition to performing the duties of administration connected with the Department. He wishes to again commend in the highest terms the work of the Deputies who have unanimously co-operated in every way possible to make the year such an outstanding success.

It is with the greatest regret that the Inspector Instructor finds this year terminating the services of two of our Senior Deputies, E.·.Sirs Fremont S. Eggleston and George L. Parmenter. Both have served long and efficiently and we all wish them God Speed as they leave our field of service. As "Eggie" lessens his duties in Templary, he increases them in the field of youth development by taking a most active part in The Order of De Molay for Boys. Our loss will be their gain. George is obliged to drop active work on account of his health. We will miss him greatly and trust he may rapidly regain his former good health.

The Seventeenth Annual Report of the Inspector Instructor which was sent to every Commandery treated the subject of Inspections in considerable detail and a re-reading is again recommended to those interested beyond the current year's work. Its suggestions and recommendations are again repeated. For official marks see page 99.

Respectfully submitted,

HERVEY MASON,
Inspector Instructor.

Short addresses were made by M. W. Albert Knight Grand Master of Masons in Rhode Island; R.·.E.·.Sir C. Byron Lear, G. S. W. of the Grand Encampment of the United States; R.·.E.·.Sir Frank C. Sayrs, G. C. of New Jersey and R.·.E.·.Sir Walter A. Delameter, P. G. C. of New York and personal representative of Most Eminent Sir Andrew D. Agnew, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the U. S. A., who was pleased to bring the greetings of the Grand Master, expressed his appreciation for the courtesies extended to him and congratulated the Grand Commandery for the splendid condition it is in.

He stressed the importance of thoughtful consideration to the following,—

1. Reinstatement of worthy Sir Knights who have been compelled to withdraw because of financial reasons:
2. Collection of dues narrows down to Recorders:
3. Care in selection of officers as real leaders:
4. Efficient business methods to conserve our finances and recommended a budget system:
5. Fuller knowledge of Educational Foundation:
6. Triennial Conclave at Miami in July 1937.

and concluded his remarks by saying "Templary is moving forward—be cheerful—now is the time to show our colors."

New Business:—R.·.E.·.Sir Walter W. Burnham moved that a sum of $2,000.00 be taken from the Grand Fund in order to assure a proper representation at Miami. So voted.

Recessed at 1 o'clock for luncheon.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Reconvened at 2.30 o'clock.

The Grand Officers elected and appointed for the ensuing Templar year were installed by R.·.E.·.Sir Charles T. White assisted by R.·.E.·.Sir James A. Gunn.

R.·.E.·. Sir Charles T. Converse . . . . . *Grand Commander*
V.·.E.·.George T. Everett . . . . . *Deputy Grand Commander*
E.·.Adelbert E. Place . . . . . *Grand Generalissimo*
E.·.Harrison Hyslop . . . . . *Grand Captain General*
E.·.Arthur A. A. Stewart . . . . . *Grand Senior Warden*
E.·.Arlan M. Spencer . . . . . *Grand Standard Bearer*
E.·.Rev. Francis W. Gibbs . . . . . *Grand Prelate*
E.·.Rev. Clarence A. Barbour . . . . . *Associate Grand Prelate*
E.·.V. R. Percy T. Edrop . . . . . *Associate Grand Prelate*
E.·.Charles W. Henderson, Jr. . . . . *Grand Treasurer*
E.·.Martin J. Pleschinger . . . . . *Grand Recorder*
E.·.John E. Rines . . . . . *Grand Junior Warden*

E.·.Ralph A. Robbins . . . . . *Grand Sword Bearer*
E.·.Charles A. Hammond . . . . . *Grand Warder*
E.·.William O. Tuckerman . . . . . *Grand Captain of the Guard*
E.·.Herbert F. Sawyer . . . . . *Grand Sentinel*
E.·.George B. Sampson . . . . *Division Commander, Sixth Division*
E.·.G. Lester Marston . . . *Division Commander, Seventh Division*
E.·.Frank H. Wilson . . . . *Division Commander, Eighth Division*
E.·.Elliott F. Jaquith . . . . *Division Commander, Ninth Division*
E.·.Hervey Mason . . . . . *Inspector Instructor*

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E.·.Sir Harold S. Crocker — E.·.Sir Elmer H. Robinson
E.·.Sir James R. Crosby

Trustees, Grand Fund

R.·.E.·.Sir Harry G. Pollard, three years
E.·.Sir James Young, Jr., one year
R.·.E.·.Sir Charles F. White, two years

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R.·.E.·.Sir Charles F. White, *Chairman*

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E.·.Sir E. Dudley Chase
E.·.Sir Albert W. Claflin
E.·.Sir Richard C. Fosdick
E.·.Sir Otto F. Hauck
E.·.Sir Frank H. Jenkins
E.·.Sir Frank A. Yeaw
E.·.Sir Victor E. Mackinstry
E.·.Sir George W. Smith

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Sir Henry H. Harris, four years
E.·.Sir Frank C. Harrington, three years
E.·.Sir Dean K. Webster, two years
E.·.Sir Arthur A. A. Stewart, one year
E.·.Sir Henry S. See, five years

Christmas Offering and Good Cheer

R.·.E.·.Sir Frank L. Nagle
R.·.E.·.Sir Charles F. White
R.·.E.·.Sir William S. Hamilton
R.·.E.·.Sir Arthur S. Vaughn

Reviewer of Templar Proceedings

R.·.E.·.Sir James A. Gunn

Adjournment was taken at 3.30 o'clock.
A true record.
Attest:

MARTIN J. PLESCHINGER,
Grand Recorder.

[SEAL]

ADDENDA

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GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

OFFICE OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE

Most Eminent and Dear Frater:

The following sentiment has been prepared by this Committee for the coming Christmas Observance:

To Andrew D. Agnew, Grand Master:

The coming Christmas will mark the end of the first fifty years of formal observance by the Grand Encampment of the anniversary of the birth of our Blessed Saviour and it is fitting that on its Golden Anniversary we pay tribute to the memory of those courteous and sincere Templar Knights who first inaugurated this beautiful service.

While the service was initiated in the Grand Encampment in 1885 by Sir Knight Stephen Berry, P. C., Chairman of the Correspondence Committee of the Grand Commandery of Maine, and was noted in the report of Sir Knight Robert E. Withers, Most Eminent Grand Master in 1886, yet the fact is that as early as December 10, 1879, Frater Berry issued a call to several prominent Knights Templar, inviting them to take a libation with him on the following Christmas Day, at noon in the City of Washington, D. C.,—thus showing that the service had its origin several years before its introduction into the Grand Encampment. And now, in memory of those pioneer Knights who first suggested our Christmas observance, and on this semi-centennial of its introduction into the Grand Encampment, the great Templar army halts for a moment to salute you, as its Commander-in-Chief and then marches on toward the attainment of all of those things for which Templary stands.

Unfortunately, while our Blessed Immanuel taught the doctrine of "Peace on earth, good-will toward men," war dogs have again been unleashed and human blood has again been spilled in a land not far from Galilee. Every Templar heart is filled with regret that human lives are so little prized and human suffering and woe so lightly considered. God grant the time may quickly come when wars shall be no more; when swords shall be beaten into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks.

The Templar Hosts of America congratulate and felicitate you and pray God to grant you and yours continued health and happiness.

To which the Grand Master responds as follows:

Christmastide is a season which warms the heart of Christendom with human sympathy. It causes us to remember our kinship with all mankind. Would that its spirit might be all pervading and controlling in this troubled world of ours. Franklin said the introduction of the principles of Christianity into public affairs would revolutionize the world. The following words might well have been written with reference to the present day: "I have seen tyrant kings crush their helpless folk. I have seen the fields of the innocent trampled into bloody ruin by the feet of conquering armies. I have seen the wicked nation overcome the peoples that loved liberty, and take away their treasure by force of arms."

As members of an Order founded upon the Christian religion and its principles of peace and good will toward all mankind, our hearts have indeed been saddened to be compelled to witness the slaughter of human beings at the behest of power maddened dictators. We should be thankful to Almighty God that it has fallen to our lot to live in a land dedicated to the proposition that the only justifiable warfare is that of defense. Depressing as this condition is I am nevertheless in accord with Whittier, who in the latter years of his life, said "Nothing is clearer to my mind than the fact that the world is growing better."

My fraters we have progressed and are continuing to progress. We are moving onward and upward to greater heights. When the teachings of Christianity shall be practiced as well as preached by those who profess adherence thereto, we shall then see the attainment of our objectives. To that task we as Templars are committed.

We pay loving tribute to those distinguished fraters who fifty years ago inaugurated this beautiful Christmas observance that has contributed so much to the joy and happiness of the day.

I reciprocate most cordially and appreciatively your kind Christmas message. My warmest greetings go out to you my beloved fraters, to you and to your dear ones, and to our fraters of sister Jurisdictions, for a Joyous Christmas and a most Happy and Prosperous New Year.

To Grand Commanders, and Commanders of Subordinate Commanderies under the Immediate Jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment:

The foregoing toast to the Most Eminent Grand Master and his response thereto are transmitted to you with the request that you extend an invitation, through the proper officers, to all Sir Knights within your jurisdiction to join in the sentiments expressed, on Wednesday, December 25, 1935, at some con-

venient hour, preferably at noon, Eastern Standard Time, (equivalent to 5:00 P. M. Greenwich).

Courteously and fraternally yours,

Hamilton, Ohio
December 15, 1935

NELSON WILLIAMS, P. G. C.,
Committee on Christmas Observance.

Address of the Grand Master:

ANDREW D. AGNEW,

815 Title Guaranty Building, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Hawaiian	Standard Time	165° W.	6 A.M.
Alaska	Standard Time	135° W.	8 A.M.
Pacific	Standard Time	120° W.	9 A.M.
Mountain	Standard Time	105° W.	10 A.M.
Central	Standard Time	90° W.	11 A.M.
Greenwich	Standard Time	0° W.	5 P.M.
Philippine	Standard Time	120° E.	1 A.M.
	December 26.		

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS

AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS OF

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND

ORGANIZED 1805

BROCKTON, MASS., November 9, 1935.

To the Commanders, Officers and Sir Knights of the Commanderies of this Grand Jurisdiction:

In transmitting to you the Christmas sentiment prepared by the Committee on Christmas Observance and our Grand Master's response, I express the hope that each constituent Commandery will carry into effect the request herein outlined and assemble at noon on Christmas Day and reverently observe the Natal Day of the Great Captain of our Salvation.

Christmas Day! As members of an order of Christian Knighthood we cannot speak or even think of these words without picturing in our minds the events of centuries ago.

Those immortal words of the angel, "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, . . . for unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior which is Christ the Lord," have come surging down through the ages, unchecked by distance or time, but with ever increasing power, until today, we too add our voices to the triumphant chorus of the centuries in a joyful "Glory to God in the highest and on earth Peace, good will toward men."

The Star of Bethlehem was a beacon of Hope to the Wise Men of old, but the star has performed its mission and is no more. The beacon of Hope today is the symbol of our Order, the Cross of sacrifice and service.

While we rejoice in the brilliance of the star and its wonderful message, let us endeavor to be faithful to the teachings of Him whose birth the star revealed, striving onward and upward along the journey of life, our faces glowing with the reflected glory of the Cross, our Hope of Eternal Life.

Courteously and fraternally yours,

[SEAL] HAROLD W. SPRAGUE,
Grand Commander.

Attest:
MARTIN J. PLESCHINGER,
Grand Recorder.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS

AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS OF

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND

CHRISTMAS OFFERING AND GOOD CHEER

BOSTON, MASS., October 31, 1935.

Official Order No. 1.
Series 1935–1936.

To the Eminent Commanders, Officers and Sir Knights of this Grand Jurisdiction:

Greetings:

As we approach the coming Christmas season remembering the Master's words, "Ye have the poor always with you," let us as Knights Templars, be especially mindful of the sick and those who have had sad experiences during the year, helping to lift the veil of sadness and let holiday happiness shine underneath. A gift delivered with love and best wishes will give courage and strength to the heart laden with sorrow and by lightening the burden of others we will but increase our own share of happiness.

In order that this end may be attained, each Commander is urged to make an earnest appeal to his entire membership for a contribution of $1.00 or any part thereof through the notices, or by letter, enclosing with it a self-addressed return envelope for convenience.

This Christmas collection is to be taken for one purpose only, that of carrying Good Cheer and Good Will into the homes of the needy.

It is not in order to place it or any portion of it in any fund for future use, it is for Christmas relief alone.

It is not in order to apply it or any portion of it in payment of back dues of any delinquent member.

When the needs of your needy members are taken care of, it will be in order to extend this charity outside your ranks with preference given to families where there are children.

The total amount collected is to be spent by the Council of the respective Commanderies under the direction of the Commander.

"To do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased."—Heb. XIII:16.

This Official Order is to be read at the head of the lines, at the Conclave immediately following its receipt, its spirit carried into effect and the results reported promptly to me, on forms furnished by Grand Commandery.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Grand Commandery on the thirty-first day of October nineteen hundred thirty-five, A. O. 817.

Courteously and fraternally yours,

[SEAL] HAROLD W. SPRAGUE,
Grand Commander.

Attest:
MARTIN J. PLESCHINGER,
Grand Recorder.

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205 MASONIC TEMPLE, BOSTON, MASS., October 30, 1935.

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E.·.Sir ARTHUR A. A. STEWART, two years
E.·.Sir HENRY S. SEE, one year

Trustees, Grand Fund

R.·.E.·.Sir HARRY G. POLLARD, one year
R.·.E.·.Sir FREDERICK H. BRIGGS, two years
R.·.E.·.Sir CHARLES F. WHITE, three years

Reviewer of Templar Proceedings

R.·.E.·.Sir JAMES A. GUNN

EXEMPLIFICATIONS

Starting on Saturday, November 9th at 2 p. m., and continuing each Saturday through December 7th at the same hour, there will be a series of group Exemplifications held throughout the jurisdiction for Instruction only, not for marking, at which the Commanderies taking part will be assigned in advance a part of the work for each to exemplify. These will be followed by a dinner at 6.30 at a cost of $1.00 per person at which there will be a good speaker and a chance for an enjoyable social time. All officers and guards are urged to attend and stay through the entire program on the day on which their own Commandery has a part. Any other Sir Knights will be cordially welcome.

The Exemplification dates and groups are as follows:—

November 9, 1935, at Hugh de Payens Commandery
No. 20, Melrose

E.·.Sir Arthur A. A. Stewart, Grand Junior Warden, Presiding
E.·.Sir Hervey Mason, Inspector Instructor
E.·.Sir E. Dudley Chase, Social Committeeman

DeMolay	No. 7	Hugh de Payens	No. 20
Pilgrim	No. 9	Beauseant	No. 41
Reading	No. 50		

November 16, 1935, at Cambridge Commandery
No. 42, Cambridge

E.·.Sir George B. Sampson, Division Commander, Presiding
E.·.Sir Hervey Mason, Inspector Instructor
E.·.Sir Victor E. MacKinstry, Social Committeeman

Trinity	No. 32	Cambridge	No. 42
Natick	No. 33	Temple	No. 48
Gethsemane	No. 35	Sir Galahad	No. 52

November 23, 1935, at Calvary Commandery
No. 13, Providence

E.·.Sir John E. Rines, Grand Standard Bearer, Presiding
E.·.Sir James R. Crosby, Deputy Inspector Instructor
E.·.Sir Albert W. Claflin, Social Committeeman

St. Johns	No. 1	Calvary	No. 13
Washington	No. 4	Woonsocket	No. 24
Holy Sepulchre	No. 8	Narragansett	No. 27
Thomas Smith Webb	No. 51		

November 23, 1935, at Olivet Commandery
No. 36, Lynn

E.·.Sir William O. Tuckerman, Division Commander, Presiding
E.·.Sir Harold A. Budreau, Deputy Inspector Instructor
E.·.Sir Amos W. Crooks, Social Committeeman

Boston	No. 2	Coeur de Lion	No. 34
Palestine	No. 10	Olivet	No. 36
William Parkman	No. 28	Winthrop	No. 53

November 23, 1935, at Bethany Commandery
No. 17, Lawrence

E.·.Sir G. Lester Marston, Division Commander, Presiding
E.·.Sir Elmer H. Robinson, Deputy Inspector Instructor
E.·.Sir Clifford E. Bragdon, Social Committeeman

Newburyport	No. 3	Winslow Lewis	No. 18
Haverhill	No. 14	Bethlehem	No. 43
Bethany	No. 17	St. George	No. 44

November 30, 1935, at Joseph Warren Commandery
No. 26, Roxbury

E.·.Sir Ralph A. Robbins, Grand Capt. of the Guard, Presiding
E.·.Sir Fremont S. Eggleston, Deputy Inspector Instructor
E.·.Sir Elliot F. Jaquith, Social Committeeman

St. Bernard	No. 12	Joseph Warren	No. 26
St. Omer	No. 21	Cyprus	No. 39
Quincy	No. 47		

November 30, 1935, at Jerusalem Commandery
No. 19, Fitchburg

E.·.Sir Arlan M. Spencer, Grand Sword Bearer, Presiding
E.·.Sir George L. Parmenter, Deputy Inspector Instructor
E.·.Sir Irving A. Greene, Social Committeeman

Worcester County	No. 5	Athol	No. 37
Milford	No. 11	Orange	No. 45
Jerusalem	No. 19	Ivanhoe	No. 46

November 30, 1935, at St. Andrew Commandery
No. 49, Holyoke

E.·.Sir Frank H. Wilson, Division Commander, Presiding
E.·.Sir Ralph C. Knapp, Deputy Inspector Instructor
E.·.Sir Charles A. Hammond, Social Committeeman

Springfield	No. 6	Northampton	No. 30
Berkshire	No. 22	St. Paul	No. 40
Connecticut Valley	No. 23	St. Andrew	No. 49

December 7, 1935, at Bristol Commandery
No. 29, Attleboro

E.·.Sir Harrison Hyslop, Grand Senior Warden, Presiding
E.·.Sir Harold S. Crocker, Deputy Inspector Instructor
E.·.Sir George W. Smith, Social Committeeman

Old Colony	No. 15	Bristol	No. 29
Sutton	No. 16	South Shore	No. 31
Godfrey de Bouillon	No. 25	Bay State	No. 38

INSPECTIONS

Inspections will start at 5.30 with short form opening. An announced mark will be given based on the work of the Order of the Temple and Inspection and Review, the mark being 10 minus, 9 plus, 9 minus, etc. A credit towards the mark will be given for all members present whether in uniform or not, with an additional credit for the percentage in uniform. Each member of the suite will be expected to pay for his dinner ticket.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

It is hoped that there will be no lack of emphasis on social activities. Social affairs of individual Commanderies and inter-Commandery exchanges of visits are strongly urged and encouraged. Public Installations and Public appearances are of great value in interesting prospective candidates and are encouraged. Veterans and Old Timers Nights, Past Commanders Nights, observances of Christmas, Easter, Ascension Day, St. John's Day, Patriotic Days, Anniversaries, Pilgrimages, Field Days, all these and other social activities when carefully planned and worked out can be depended upon to make for profit for all who attend, and to develop greater interest in our Commanderies.

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

An earnest and active effort in a dignified manner worthy of our Order, to secure candidates who measure up to our standards of fitness, already is being made along lines suggested by Grand Commandery. The tide of net loss definitely has turned as will be evident from the following figures. Any proper method to reduce still further our net losses, either by reducing some of the loss items or by increasing the items of gains, is highly desirable and commendable.

MEMBERSHIP

Gains		Losses	
Admitted	92	Demitted	457
Affiliated	11	Suspended	278
Reinstated	18	Error	2
Error	4	Died	483
	125		1,220
Membership 1934	20,313	Net Loss 1930	628
Membership 1935	19,218	1931	745
		1932	1,189
Net Loss	1,095	1933	1,505
		1934	1,314
		1935	1,095

Courteously and fraternally yours,

[SEAL] HAROLD W. SPRAGUE,
Grand Commander.

Attest:
MARTIN J. PLESCHINGER,
Grand Recorder.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS
AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND

BOSTON, MASS., November 15, 1935.

Official Circular No. 2
Series of 1935-1936
To the Commanders, Officers and Sir Knights of the Commanderies of this Grand Jurisdiction:—

I have made arrangements with Eminent Sir Clarence C. Watters, Commander of Springfield Commandery No. 6, for the publication of a Templar Magazine under the restrictions set forth in the recommendation of R.∴E.∴Sir Arthur S. Vaughn, in accordance with the vote of Grand Commandery at the Annual Conclave on October 30, 1935.

Each Commandery should by vote determine whether its list of members and their addresses shall be sent to Eminent Sir Watters. If, by vote, a list is sent by a Commandery, each person on that list should receive, gratis, a copy of the magazine monthly. The list submitted will remain the property of the Commandery submitting it and will be in the strict control of Eminent Sir Watters—he in no case to use it or permit it to be used for any purpose other than to send out copies of the magazine. If at any time a Commandery, by vote, decides to withdraw its list, Eminent Sir Watters will return it, no copy thereof being kept and no addressograph plates thereof being preserved. The magazine will not be sent on the above terms to any member of a Commandery which decides not to submit its list.

The magazine is to be called "The Templar" and is to be published monthly at no expense to the constituent Commanderies or to the Sir Knights. Eminent Sir Watters requests that each Commander appoint some member to forward to him before the 10th of each month, interesting news relative to his Commandery. The magazine will be mailed between the first and fifth of each month. It is hoped that the mailing lists will be received in time for the first issue to be mailed about February first.

If the Commander sees fit, it would be desirable for him to send each month to Eminent Sir Watters a copy of his calendar with such items as would be suitable for inclusion in the magazine so marked. This would give an automatic check on the deaths, also, so that those names could be taken from the mailing list.

I am convinced that "The Templar" will be of great value in keeping our membership informed in regard to the activities of our Commanderies; that it will aid in fostering a greater amount of inter-Commandery affairs and will stir renewed interest on the part of each individual Sir Knight in our order of Christian Knighthood.

I therefore urge your active and earnest co-operation so that, all working together, we may make "The Templar" a credit and valuable aid to our Grand Commandery.

Courteously and fraternally yours,

[SEAL] HAROLD W. SPRAGUE,
Grand Commander.

Attest:
MARTIN J. PLESCHINGER,
Grand Recorder.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS
AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS OF
MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND
ORGANIZED 1805

BROCKTON, MASS., March 1, 1936.

Official Circular No. 3
Series 1935-1936

To the Commanders, Officers and Sir Knights of the Commanderies of This Grand Jurisdiction:

As we approach the Easter Season it seems fitting that its particular significance to us as Knights Templars should be stressed and that our Constituent Commanderies should be urged to demonstrate to the communities in which they are located, that they believe in and practice church worship.

Therefore I have requested the Grand Prelate to prepare the Easter Message which is made part of this Official Circular and I especially urge upon all the Commanders of the Constituent Commanderies of this Grand Jurisdiction that they arrange for their Commanderies to attend Divine Service on Easter Sunday, April 12th, Ascension Day, May 21st or on other convenient and appropriate occasions when Knights Templars, as such, should appear in public.

Recorders are requested to read this Circular at the first Conclave after its receipt and to make prompt report to the Grand Recorder of such appearances in public as are made, and the number of Sir Knights participating.

Courteously and fraternally yours,

[SEAL] HAROLD W. SPRAGUE,
Grand Commander.

Attest:
MARTIN J. PLESCHINGER,
Grand Recorder.

Note: (No dispensation is required to attend religious services. See Constitutions of Grand Encampment, Section 214.)

GRAND PRELATE'S EASTER MESSAGE 1936

Not many experiences in Christian life transcend the joy of the Easter festival. With the fastness of winter over and nature

everywhere showing signs of new life, nature's victory over winter's death, one feels the thrill which always comes with hope fulfilled.

It takes but a moment of time and very little effort to note that the world teems with life. From that far off time when the waters yielded the first forms of life, up to the present, all through these countless ages is evidence of growth, development, life. Nothing is more wonderful than these facts which our scientific brethren have revealed.

Yet the story of life is not complete without the truth which Christ reveals, that life is eternal and that "God is not the God of the dead, but of the living."

This is the time when men may well decide whether life is meaningful, or meaningless. No one can read the modern revelations of earth's slow growth and man's progress without questioning whether or not all has been worthwhile. Ages upon ages, incomprehensible length of time, to bring earth to a condition for habitation, and more ages to bring man to that state of development where he dares to look up at the stars and ask, "What is Man?" All this and all that it suggests, may well cause one to ask "What is it all for?" If only for a few short years of continual struggle to exist and to produce other life which will pass through similar experience, life has but little meaning. On the other hand, when one can discern some great purpose running through it all, he finds that life must have some deeper meaning, some significance which is divine.

> "That nothing walks with aimless feet;
> That not one life shall be destroyed,
> Or cast as rubbish to the void,
> When God hath made the pile complete."

Christ comes to us at Easter time to tell us again that life is neither meaningless or transitory, life is eternal. "If God so clothe the grass of the field will He not much more clothe you?" In the line of thought I have tried to express, transpose this saying a little: If God so cares for the earth to make it man's abiding place, will He not much more care for you? And Jesus said, "God is not the God of the dead, but of the living."

"And this is life eternal, to know God and Jesus Christ whom He hath sent," so said the Apostle. As Christian Knights who believe in God and Christ, may we not at this Easter accept life as meaningful, full of promise, bright with hope, alive with certainty, feeling full sure under the Providence of God,

> " that good shall fall
> At last.....far off.....at last, to all,
> And every winter change to spring."

FRANCIS W. GIBBS,
Grand Prelate.

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United States of America

1934–1937

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The 40th Triennial Conclave will be held at Miami, Florida, July 17-23, 1937.

GRAND COMMANDERS AND GRAND RECORDERS

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Robert H. Brown	Tampa	Florida	Cary B. Fish	Sarasota
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Carey P. Duncan	Shreveport	Louisiana	Albert B. Davis	New Orleans
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Walton S. Hootsell	Natchez	Mississippi	Edward L. Faucett	Meridian
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Edward E. Carr	North Platte	Nebraska	Lewis E. Smith	Omaha
And. Ruckteschler	Winnemucco	Nevada	Elwood H. Beemer	Reno
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Lloyd L. Scott	Portland	Oregon	D. Rufus Cheney	Portland
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Paul T. McNeel	Union	South Carolina	Joseph Lindsay	Chester
N. Ellis Mattox	Lead	South Dakota	W. D. Swain	Sioux Falls
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H. G. Blumenthal	Provo	Utah	John M. Dunlap	Salt Lake City
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		Scotland	W. A. A. Balfour	Edinburgh

Grand Commanders of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island

Date		Date		Date	
1805	*Thomas Smith Webb	1848	*John R. Bradford	1892	*William H. H. Soule
1806	" " "	1849	" " "	1893	*Charles C. Fry
1807	" " "	1850	" " "	1894	*Samuel C. Lawrence
1808	" " "	1851	*James Hutchinson	1895	*Eugene H. Richards
1809	" " "	1852	" "	1896	*William R. Walker
1810	" " "	1853	" "	1897	*Walter Cutting
1811	" " "	1854	*Simon W. Robinson	1898	*George L. Shepley
1812	" " "	1855	" " "	1899	*Herbert F. Morse
1813	" " "	1856	*Daniel Harwood	1900	*Winthrop Messenger
1814	" " "	1857	" "	1901	*George E. Hilton
1815	" " "	1858	*Winslow Lewis	1902	*George H. Kenyon
1816	" " "	1859	" "	1903	*Freeman C. Hersey
1817	" " "	1860	*William Field	1904	*Dana J. Flanders
1818	*William Wilkinson	1861	" "	1905	*Edwin A. Blodgett
1819	" "	1862	*William Ellison	1906	*E. Bentley Young
1820	*Henry Fowle	1863	*William S. Gardner	1907	*Charles I. Litchfield
1821	" "	1864	" " "	1908	*John D. Munroe
1822	" "	1865	*Rev. Charles H. Titus	1909	Walter W. Burnham
1823	" "	1866	" " " "	1910	*J. Albert Blake
1824	" "	1867	*William W. Baker	1911	*Lafayette G. Blair
1825	" "	1868	" " "	1912	Frank L. Nagle
1826	*John Carlisle	1869	*Benjamin Dean	1913	William W. Johnson
1827	" "	1870	" "	1914	*Walter F. Medding
1928	" "	1871	*Nicholas Van Slyck	1915	*Frederick I. Dana
1829	*John James Loring	1872	" " "	1916	*Samuel D. Sherwood
1830	" " "	1873	*Charles A. Stott	1917	*William H. Emerson
1831	" " "	1874	" " "	1918	William J. Bolton
1832	*Robert Lash	1875	*Rev. Henry W. Rugg	1919	*Everett C. Benton
1833	*Edward A. Raymond	1876	" " " "	1920	Harry G. Pollard
1834	" " "	1877	*John Dean	1921	*Henry C. Dexter
1835	*Abraham A. Dame	1878	" "	1922	*James S. Blake
1836	" " "	1879	*Nelson W. Aldrich	1923	Charles R. Hunt
1837	*John Hews	1880	*William H. Kent	1924	*Asa C. Jewett
1838	" "	1881	" " "	1925	Clarence M. Dunbar
1839	*Charles W. Moore	1882	*Caleb Saunders	1926	James A. Gunn
1840	" " "	1883	" "	1927	Norris G. Abbott
1841	" " "	1884	*Charles C. Hutchinson	1928	Clarence E. Burleigh
1842	*John Flint	1885	*George H. Burnham	1929	Charles F. White
1843	" "	1886	*Edward P. Chapin	1930	*Frederick H. Briggs
1844	" "	1887	*George H. Allen	1931	Benjamin F. Downing
1845	*John B. Hammatt	1888	*Edward L. Freeman	1932	George L. Dodd
1846	" " "	1889	*James Swords	1933	William S. Hamilton
1847	*Ruel Baker	1890	*John P. Sanborn	1934	Arthur S. Vaughn
		1891	*Robert H. Chamberlain	1935	Harold W. Sprague
				1936	Charles T. Converse

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OFFICIAL MARKS

Name of Commandery	Number	10 −	9 +	9 −	8 +	8 −	Mark Disregarding Attendance	Full Attendance
St. John's	1		√				9 +	
Boston	2			√			9 −	
Newburyport	3		√				9 +	
Washington	4				√		8 +	
Worcester County	5	√					10 −	
Springfield	6		√				9 +	
De Molay	7	√					10 −	
Holy Sepulchre	8		√				9 +	
Pilgrim	9	√					10 −	
Palestine	10		√				9 +	
Milford	11				√		8 +	
St. Bernard	12					√	8 −	#
Calvary	13		√				10 −	
Haverhill	14	√					10 −	#
Old Colony	15					√	8 −	
Sutton	16		√				9 +	
Bethany	17			√			9 −	
Winslow Lewis	18			√			9 +	
Jerusalem	19		√				9 −	#
Hugh De Payens	20	√					10 −	
St. Omer	21		√				9 +	
Berkshire	22			√			9 −	
Connecticut Valley	23			√			9 −	
Woonsocket	24			√			9 −	
Godfrey De Bouillon	25			√			9 −	
Joseph Warren	26		√				9 +	
Narragansett	27			√			9 −	
William Parkman	28		√				9 +	
Bristol	29				√		8 +	
Northampton	30				√		8 +	
South Shore	31			√			9 −	
Trinity	32			√			9 −	
Natick	33			√			9 −	
Coeur De Lion	34	√					10 −	
Gethsemane	35		√				9 +	
Olivet	36		√				9 +	
Athol	37		√				9 +	
Bay State	38		√				9 +	
Cyprus	39			√			9 −	
St. Paul	40		√				9 +	#
Beauseant	41	√					10 −	
Cambridge	42			√			9 −	
Bethlehem	43			√			9 −	
St. George	44					√	8 −	#
Orange	45				√		8 +	#
Ivanhoe	46	√					10 −	#
Quincy	47		√				9 +	
Temple	48			√			9 −	
St. Andrew	49			√			9 −	
Reading	50	√					10 −	
Thomas Smith Webb	51		√				9 +	
Sir Galahad	52		√				9 +	#
Winthrop	53			√			9 −	
Total Number	53	9	19	17	5	3		8

CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES

Name of Commandery	No.	Location of Commandery	Date of Charter	Time of Meeting Monthly	Date of Annual Conclave
St. John's	1	Providence, R. I.	Oct. 7, 1805	1st Monday	1st Mon. Oct.
Boston	2	Boston, Mass.	Mar. 3, 1806	3d Wednesday	3d Wed. Sept.
Newburyport	3	Newburyport, Mass.	May 12, 1808	3d Thursday	3d Thurs. Sept.
Washington	4	Newport, R. I.	June 14, 1814	3d Wednesday	3d Wed. Sept.
Worcester County	5	Worcester, Mass.	Dec. 17, 1824	1st Thursday	1st Thurs. June
Springfield	6	Springfield, Mass.	June 24, 1826	1st Monday	1st Mon. June
De Molay	7	Boston, Mass.	Oct. 10, 1848	4th Wednesday	4th Wed. Sept.
Holy Sepulchre	8	Pawtucket, R. I.	Sept. 25, 1849	3d Friday	3d Fri. Sept.
Pilgrim	9	Lowell, Mass.	Oct. 10, 1855	4th Wednesday	4th Wed. Sept.
Palestine	10	Chelsea, Mass.	Oct. 28, 1859	2d Wednesday	2d Wed. June
Milford	11	Milford, Mass.	Oct. 28, 1859	4th Monday	4th Mon. June
St. Bernard	12	Boston, Mass.	Oct. 28, 1859	2d Wednesday	2d Wed. Oct.
Calvary	13	Providence, R. I.	May 22, 1860	3d Tuesday	3d Tues. Sept.
Haverhill	14	Haverhill, Mass.	Nov. 19, 1863	2d Tuesday	2d Tues. June
Old Colony	15	Abington, Mass.	Oct. 26, 1863	4th Monday	4th Mon. June
Sutton	16	New Bedford, Mass.	Mar. 4, 1864	1st Thursday	1st Thurs. Sept.
Bethany	17	Lawrence, Mass.	Oct. 28, 1864	Last Monday	Last Mon. June
Winslow Lewis	18	Salem, Mass.	June 27, 1865	3d Thursday	3d Thurs. Oct.
Jerusalem	19	Fitchburg, Mass.	Mar. 8, 1865	3d Thursday	3d Thurs. June
Hugh de Payens	20	Melrose, Mass.	Feb. 14, 1866	2d Wednesday	2d Wed. Sept.
St. Omer	21	Dorchester, Mass.	Sept. 30, 1865	3d Monday	3d Mon. Sept.
Berkshire	22	Pittsfield, Mass.	Dec. 22, 1865	2d Monday	2d Mon. Oct.
Connecticut Valley	23	Greenfield, Mass.	May 28, 1868	1st Tuesday	1st Tues. June
Woonsocket	24	Woonsocket, R. I.	Jan. 31, 1867	2d Tuesday	2d Tues. June
Godfrey de Bouillon	25	Fall River, Mass.	Oct. 30, 1868	3d Wednesday	3d Wed. Sept.
Joseph Warren	26	Roxbury, Mass.	Jan. 1, 1869	1st Monday	1st Mon. June
Narragansett	27	Westerly, R. I.	Sept. 26, 1870	1st Wednesday	1st Wed. Oct.
William Parkman	28	E. Boston, Mass.	May 12, 1870	2d Thursday	2d Thurs. Sept.
Bristol	29	Attleboro, Mass.	May 28, 1870	1st Friday	1st Fri. Sept. after 1st Monday
Northampton	30	Northampton, Mass.	Oct. 28, 1870	2d Monday	2d Mon. June
South Shore	31	E. Weymouth, Mass.	June 9, 1870	4th Thursday	4th Thurs. June
Trinity	32	Hudson, Mass.	April 8, 1871	3d Wednesday	3d Wed. June
Natick	33	Natick, Mass.	April 12, 1871	2d Monday	2d Mon. June
Coeur de Lion	34	Charlestown, Mass.	Oct. 14, 1871	3d Tuesday	3d Tues. Sept.
Gethsemane	35	Newtonville, Mass.	May 20, 1872	4th Tuesday	4th Tues. June
Olivet	36	Lynn, Mass.	Mar. 13, 1873	1st Wednesday	1st Wed. Oct.
Athol	37	Athol, Mass.	June 7, 1873	2d Wednesday	2d Wed. Sept.
Bay State	38	Brockton, Mass.	Sept. 13, 1873	3d Monday	3d Mon. Sept.
Cyprus	39	Hyde Park, Mass.	Oct. 31, 1873	4th Thursday	4th Thurs. Sept.
St. Paul	40	North Adams, Mass.	Jan. 19, 1882	2d Friday	2d Fri. Sept.
Beauseant	41	Malden, Mass.	Oct. 20, 1886	4th Monday	4th Mon. June
Cambridge	42	Cambridge, Mass.	May 28, 1890	4th Tuesday	4th Tues. June
Bethlehem	43	Gloucester, Mass.	Oct. 29, 1890	2d Monday	2d Mon. Oct.
St. George	44	Beverly, Mass.	Oct. 23, 1892	3d Wednesday	3d Wed. Sept.
Orange	45	Orange, Mass.	Oct. 26, 1893	Last Friday	Last Fri. June
Ivanhoe	46	Gardner, Mass.	Oct. 31, 1896	1st Thursday	1st Thurs. June
Quincy	47	Quincy, Mass.	Nov. 27, 1911	4th Monday	4th Mon. June
Temple	48	Norwood, Mass.	Jan. 29, 1920	2d Thursday	2d Thurs. June
St. Andrew	49	Holyoke, Mass.	Oct. 28, 1920	3d Monday	3d Mon. June
Reading	50	Reading, Mass.	Sept. 8, 1921	2d Monday	2d Mon. Sept.
Thomas Smith Webb	51	Providence, R. I.	Sept. 28, 1921	3d Friday	3d Fri. Oct.
Sir Galahad	52	Waltham, Mass.	Nov. 20, 1922	3d Monday	3d Mon. June
Winthrop	53	Winthrop, Mass.	June 21, 1924	1st Tuesday	1st Tues. June

Representatives of Grand Commanderies to and from Massachusetts and Rhode Island

From Mass. and R. I.	P. O. Address	Grand Commanderies	To Mass. and R. I.	P. O. Address
Robert T. Sheppard	Decatur	Alabama	E. Sir Harry J. Kenworthy	Dedham, Mass.
Eugene C. Pichard	Bisbee	Arizona	E. Sir Adelbert E. Place	Providence, R. I.
George R. Crosley	El Dorado	Arkansas	E. Sir Arthur W. Coombs	Malden, Mass.
Albert E. Boynton	San Francisco	California	R. E. Sir Clarence E. Burleigh	Pasadena, Calif.
Stanley C. Warner	Denver	Colorado	R. E. Sir Charles R. Hunt	New Bedford, Mass.
Frank E. Sands	Meriden	Connecticut	E. Sir J. Irving Shepley	Newport, R. I.
Gratz E. Dunkum	Washington	District of Columbia	E. Sir Ivor P. Muzzey	Orange, Mass.
John B. Phelps	Miami	Florida	R. E. Sir Charles T. Converse	Springfield, Mass.
Joseph K. Orr	Atlanta	Georgia	E. Sir Dean K. Webster	Lawrence, Mass.
Byron E. Hyatt	Boise	Idaho	E. Sir H. Alton Roark	Waltham, Mass.
Stuart E. Pierson	Carrollton	Illinois	E. Sir William A. Mann	Needham, Mass.
Leonidas P. Newby	Knightstown	Indiana	E. Sir Frank O. Hartwell	Springfield, Mass.
Carl W. Reed	Cresco	Iowa	R. E. Sir William S. Hamilton	Williamstown, Mass.
Asa T. Hoge	Leavenworth	Kansas	E. Sir James A. Rogers	Providence, R. I.
Metallus F. Cravens	Owensboro	Kentucky	E. Sir George H. Sykes	Attleboro, Mass.
H. S. Weston	Shreveport	Louisiana	E. Sir Carl M. Watson	Boston, Mass.
Franklin R. Redlon	Portland	Maine	V. E. Sir George T. Everett	Somerville, Mass.
Charles A. Rusterberg	Annapolis	Maryland	R. E. Sir Walter W. Burnham	Providence, R. I.
Frank G. Millard	Flint	Michigan	E. Sir George W. Sprague	Brockton, Mass.
J. Arthur Jenson	Minneapolis	Minnesota	E. Sir William M. Burchfield	Mattapan, Mass.
Joseph H. Gilbert	Clarksdale	Mississippi	E. Sir Charles J. Whelden	Providence, R. I.
Lynn J. Limes	Trenton	Missouri	R. E. Sir Harry G. Pollard	Lowell, Mass.
arthur H. Brown	Billings	Montana	E. Sir Hervey Mason	Melrose, Mass.
Francis A. Mitchell	Hastings	Nebraska	E. Sir Herbert F. Sawyer	Boston, Mass.
J. D. Wallace	Ely	Nevada	E. Sir Roy F. Allen	Whitman, Mass.
Allen M. Wilson	Concord	New Hampshire	E. Sir Frank B. Kenney	Lowell, Mass.
Alfred T. Duffield	Summit	New Jersey	E. Sir Arthur S. Vaughn	Providence, R. I.
Alpheus A. Keen	Albuquerque	New Mexico	R. E. Sir Benjamin F. Downing	Newport, R. I.
George E. Bradbrook	New York	New York	R. E. Sir James A. Gunn	Turners Falls, Mass.
R. H. Boyer	Asheville	North Carolina	R. E. Sir Frank L. Nagle	Newtonville, Mass.
Paul Griffith	Grand Forks	North Dakota	E. Sir N. Arthur Hyland	Edgewood, R. I.
Ernest M. Sprague	Cleveland	Ohio	E. Sir Charles W. Henderson, Jr.	W. Newton, Mass.
William A. Perry	Okmulgee	Oklahoma	E. Sir Andrew E. Harper	Leominster, Mass.
Albert E. Murphy	Portland	Oregon	E. Sir George Ringehrist	Springfield, Mass.
Arthur D. Bacon	Harrisburg	Pennsylvania	R. E. Sir Charles F. White	Malden, Mass.
William A. Giles	Graniteville	South Carolina	E. Sir Martin J. Pleschinger	Boston, Mass.
George F. Westover	Pierre	South Dakota	E. Sir Walter E. Dow	Fall River, Mass.
Glen Jeffries	Knoxville	Tennessee	E. Sir Royal C. Wells	Gloucester, Mass.
Jewel P. Lightfoot	Ft. Worth	Texas	E. Sir Arthur F. Jones	Pittsfield, Mass.
F. C. Richmond	Salt Lake City	Utah	E. Sir Charles A. Harrington	Worcester, Mass.
G. Percy Berryman	St. Albans	Vermont		
Hiram S. Seull	Newport News	Virginia	R. E. Sir George L. Dodd	Wrentham, Mass.
William R. Graves	Vancouver	Washington	R. E. Sir Harold W. Sprague	Brockton, Mass.
Harold H. Oakley	Logan	West Virginia	E. Sir Arthur N. Nash	Westerly, R. I.
Herbert N. Laflin	Milwaukee	Wisconsin	R. E. Sir William W. Johnson	Boston, Mass.
Carl B. Taylor	Casper	Wyoming	E. Sir Frank S. Whitney	Pittsfield, Mass.

GRAND COMMANDERY STATISTICS

Name of Commandery	No.	Members Present	Visitors	Suite	Total	Annual Dues	Life Membership	Date of Inspection	Name of Inspecting Officer
St. John's	1	202	30	59	291	6.00	90.00	Mar. 2, 1936	Harrison Hyslop
Boston	2	156	8	35	199	10.00	150.00	Apr. 15, 1936	Harrison Hyslop
Newburyport	3	93	46	51	190	10.00	150.00	Jan. 16, 1936	Harrison Hyslop
Washington	4	49	9	13	71	6.00	90.00	Mar. 18, 1936	Harrison Hyslop
Worcester County	5	250	17	19	286	8.00	120.00	Mar. 19, 1936	Harrison Hyslop
Springfield	6	145	21	22	188	10.00	150.00	Jan. 6, 1936	Harrison Hyslop
De Molay	7	197	7	22	226	10.00	150.00	Nov. 25, 1935	Arthur A. Stewart
Holy Sepulchre	8	240	13	22	275	7.00	105.00	Mar. 27, 1936	Arthur A. Stewart
Pilgrim	9	130	11	32	173	11.00	165.00	Mar. 25, 1936	Charles T. Converse
Palestine	10	56	16	39	111	10.00	150.00	Dec. 11, 1935	Arthur A. Stewart
Milford	11	65	5	16	86	9.00	135.00	Mar. 23, 1936	Arthur A. Stewart
St. Bernard	12	36	—	7	43	30.00	500.00	Feb. 12, 1936	Arthur A. Stewart
Calvary	13	131	7	18	156	6.00	90.00	Jan. 21, 1936	Adelbert E Place
Haverhill	14	192	44	82	318	8.00	120.00	Apr. 28, 1936	John E. Rines
Old Colony	15	33	7	17	57	5.00	75.00	Nov. 25, 1935	John E. Rines
Sutton	16	98	12	22	132	7.00	105.00	Dec. 19, 1935	John E. Rines
Bethany	17	52	3	13	68	12.00	185.00	Jan. 27, 1936	John E. Rines
Winslow Lewis	18	57	26	45	128	8.00	120.00	Feb. 20, 1936	John E. Rines
Jerusalem	19	137	14	33	184	7.50	112.50	Feb. 27, 1936	Arlan M. Spencer
Hugh De Payens	20	190	25	23	238	9.00	130.00	Apr. 11, 1936	Arlan M. Spencer
St. Omer	21	124	10	17	151	8.00	120.00	Jan. 20, 1936	Arlan M. Spencer
Berkshire	22	123	—	30	153	5.00	75.00	Apr. 13, 1936	Charles T. Converse
Connecticut Valley	23	47	10	24	81	6.00	90.00	Mar. 3, 1936	Arlan M. Spencer
Woonsocket	24	71	4	13	88	5.00	75.00	Nov. 8, 1935	Arlan M. Spencer
Godfrey De Bouillon	25	70	16	32	118	7.00	150.00	Nov. 20, 1935	Ralph A. Robbins
Joseph Warren	26	176	8	44	228	10.00	150.00	Dec. 2, 1935	Ralph A. Robbins
Narragansett	27	78	13	8	99	5.00	75.00	Feb. 26, 1936	Ralph A. Robbins
William Parkman	28	52	15	36	103	9.00	135.00	Apr. 9, 1936	Ralph A. Robbins
Bristol	29	52	14	11	77	6.00	90.00	Feb. 7, 1936	Ralph A. Robbins
Northampton	30	60	6	13	79	8.00	120.00	Feb. 10, 1936	Ralph A. Robbins
South Shore	31	65	13	37	115	8.00	120.00	Mar. 26, 1936	William O. Tuckerman
Trinity	32	60	20	36	116	6.00	90.00	Dec. 18, 1935	William O. Tuckerman
Natick	33	68	18	18	104	6.00	90.00	Mar. 9, 1936	William O. Tuckerman
Coeur De Lion	34	164	40	41	245	7.00	105.00	Jan. 21, 1936	William O. Tuckerman
Gethsemane	35	89	25	55	169	10.00	150.00	Feb. 25, 1936	William O. Tuckerman
Olivet	36	124	16	32	172	7.00	105.00	Feb. 5, 1936	William O. Tuckerman
Athol	37	46	19	25	90	6.00	90.00	Feb. 12, 1936	George B. Sampson
Bay State	38	201	7	36	244	7.00	105.00	Mar. 23, 1936	George B. Sampson
Cyprus	39	45	14	32	91	7.00	105.00	Apr. 23, 1936	George B. Sampson
St. Paul	40	73	15	34	122	10.00	150.00	Apr. 17, 1936	George B. Sampson
Beauseant	41	170	23	45	238	8.00	128.00	Jan. 27, 1936	George B. Sampson
Cambridge	42	80	5	21	106	10.00	150.00	Apr. 28, 1936	George B. Sampson
Bethlehem	43	46	26	27	99	10.00	150.00	Feb. 10, 1936	G. L. Marston
St. George	44	52	16	17	85	7.50	90.00	Dec. 18, 1935	G. L. Marston
Orange	45	39	3	18	60	5.00	75.00	Feb. 28, 1936	G. L. Marston
Ivanhoe	46	73	8	31	112	5.00	75.00	Feb. 15, 1936	G. L. Marston
Quincy	47	127	35	36	198	10.00	150.00	Apr. 27, 1936	G. L. Marston
Temple	48	45	12	20	77	6.00	90.00	Mar. 12, 1936	G. L. Marston
St. Andrew	49	56	10	21	87	7.00	105.00	Jan. 20, 1936	Frank H. Wilson
Reading	50	85	43	77	205	9.00	90.00	Jan. 13, 1936	Charles T. Converse
Thomas Smith Webb	51	55	17	17	89	10.00	135.00	Mar. 20, 1936	Frank H. Wilson
Sir Galahad	52	80	8	33	121	7.00	90.00	Mar. 16, 1936	Frank H. Wilson
Winthrop	53	41	9	22	72	9.00	135.00	Mar. 3, 1936	Frank H. Wilson
Total		5,246	819	1,549	7,614				

GRAND COMMANDERY STATISTICS

Name of Commandery	Number	Membership Last Year	Membership This Year	Admitted	Affiliated	Reinstated	Dimitted	Suspended	Expelled	Died	Candidates at $5.00	Per Capita	Total
St. John's	1	1,216	1,174	5			17			32	25	$587.00	$612.00
Boston	2	1,196	1,159	1			11			32	25	579.50	584.50
Newburyport	3	240	237	3				9		6	15	118.50	133.50
Washington	4	244	225							22		113.00	113.00
Worcester County	5	712	691	3			3			24	15	345.50	360.50
Springfield	6	829	749	11	3		21	50		21	55	374.50	429.50
De Molay	7	838	771	1			36	11		12	5	385.50	390.50
Holy Sepulchre	8	640	636		1					15	35	318.00	353.00
Pilgrim	9	509	489				5			6		244.50	249.50
Palestine	10	237	231									115.50	115.50
Milford	11	175	170			1		1		3		85.00	85.00
St. Bernard	12	83	74			1	1	1				37.00	37.00
Calvary	13	1,173	1,128	11	1		9	3		17	55	564.00	619.00
Haverhill	14	390	385	3			6	31		7	40	192.50	232.50
Old Colony	15	211	201	3			1	2		10	10	100.50	110.50
Sutton	16	467	426	5			1	31		10	25	213.00	238.00
Bethany	17	208	204	3		2	1	1			15	102.00	117.00
Winslow Lewis	18	224	210	1		1	4	4		9	5	105.00	110.00
Jerusalem	19	332	327	9		1	5	3		4	45	163.50	208.50
Hugh de Payens	20	495	463	2	2	1	16	2		18	10	231.50	241.50
St. Omer	21	521	475		2		17			22		237.50	237.50
Berkshire	22	309	303	1			1	1		6	5	151.50	156.50
Connecticut Valley	23	200	186				13			3		93.00	93.00
Woonsocket	24	281	260				1	4		3		130.00	130.00
Godfrey de Bouillon	25	228	209	1		1	9	4		9	5	104.50	109.50
Joseph Warren	26	450	418	7			12	17		12	35	209.00	244.00
Narragansett	27	239	233				5	3		5		116.50	116.50
William Parkman	28	170	161			2	1			3		80.50	80.50
Bristol	29	296	291	1			12	1		4	5	145.50	150.50
Northampton	30	201	190		1		9			9		95.00	100.00
South Shore	31	217	193	3			12	14		6	15	96.50	96.50
Trinity	32	270	252				9	1		3		126.00	141.00
Natick	33	176	161	5			5	9		3	25	80.50	105.50
Coeur de Lion	34	494	468	6	1		1	15		6	15	234.00	249.00
Gethsemane	35	348	340	1	1		3	15		12	35	170.00	205.00
Olivet	36	490	477				3			14	15	238.50	253.50
Athol	37	191	172	3			6	7		7	25	86.00	86.00
Bay State	38	572	554	5			9			17	10	277.00	302.00
Cyprus	39	250	250	2	1		1	9		4	10	125.00	135.00
St. Paul	40	190	175	1			3	4		5	5	87.50	92.50
Beauseant	41	466	451	1		5	5	9		11		225.50	225.50
Cambridge	42	303	270	4		1	5	15		19	20	130.50	159.50
Bethlehem	43	165	151	1			6			10	5	75.50	80.50
St. George	44	124	115	2			1			10	10	57.50	67.50
Orange	45	108	104				1	1		2		52.00	52.00
Ivanhoe	46	164	156				4			10	5	78.00	83.00
Quincy	47	363	353	4			4	2		4	20	176.50	196.50
Temple	48	162	152				4	2		3		76.00	76.00
St. Andrew	49	130	127	2			3			3	10	63.50	73.50
Reading	50	176	169	4	1		9	7		7	20	84.50	104.50
Thomas Smith Webb	51	231	212	2			7	7		3	10	106.00	116.00
Sir Galahad	52	192	186	1			3	2			5	93.00	98.00
Winthrop	53	114	108				1			3		54.00	54.00
Total		19,218	18,282	134	19	23	328	284		501	670	9,141.00	9,811.00

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPLAR REVIEW

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By Rt. Em. Sir James A. Gunn, Reviewer

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

I herewith submit my tenth Review of the Templar Proceedings of the following Grand Jurisdictions:

Alabama	1936	Montana	1935
Arizona	1936	Nebraska	1936
Arkansas	1936	Nevada	1936
California	1936	New Hampshire	1935
Colorado	1935	New Mexico	1936
Connecticut	1936	New York	1936
Dist. of Columbia	1936	North Carolina	1936
Florida	1936	North Dakota	1936
Georgia	1936	Oklahoma	1936
Idaho	1935	Oregon	1936
Illinois	1936	Pennsylvania	1936
Iowa	1936	South Carolina	1936
Kansas	1936	Tennessee	1936
Kentucky	1936	Texas	1936
Louisiana	1936	Utah	1936
Maine	1936	Vermont	1936
Maryland	1936	Virginia	1936
Mississippi	1936	Washington	1936
Minnesota	1935	West Virginia	1936
Michigan	1936	Wisconsin	1935
Missouri	1936	Wyoming	1936

We regret that the Proceedings of the following Grand Jurisdictions have not been received:

Idaho	1936	Ohio	1935
Indiana	1936	South Dakota	1936
New Jersey	1936		

Alabama, 1936

The Seventy-sixth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Alabama was convened in the city of Mobile, April 22, 1936 with Grand Commander T. Gaines St. John presiding.

Rt.·.E.·.Sir St. John rendered 7 minor decisions and granted no dispensations. He recommends that the Charters of 4 Commanderies be declared forfeited.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Treasurer we find receipts with balance on hand of $13,506.80; disbursements $1,984.41; leaving a balance on hand of $11,522.39.

From the statistics furnished by the Grand Recorder we find a total membership in Alabama of 2,814. Net loss for the year 307. Suspensions and demits total 381.

The Educational Foundation Committee have loaned $935 during the past year and have a balance on hand of $8,093.13. Repayments on principal during this period aggregate $2,327.23.

The next Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Alabama will be held in the city of Selma, April 28, 1937.

Arizona, 1936

The Forty-third Annual Conclave of this Jurisdiction was convened in the city of Phoenix, March 9, 1936 with Grand Commander, Clarence V. Gulley, presiding.

R.·.E.·.Sir Gulley recommended that Tombstone Commandery be consolidated with Bisbee Commandery and this recommendation was adopted by the Grand Commandery with the approval of the Committee on Jurisprudence. No dispensations were granted or decisions rendered.

Grand Recorder, Anthony A. Johns, reports a total membership in Arizona of 506. Net loss for the year 48. Suspensions and demits total 43.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Treasurer we find receipts with balance on hand of $3,256.58; disbursements $1,130.93; leaving a balance on hand in the General Fund of $2,125.65.

The Educational Foundation Committee have loaned $800.00 during the year and have a balance on hand available for use of $1,826.28.

The next Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Arizona will be held in the city of Globe, March 8, 1937.

Arkansas, 1936

The Sixty-Fourth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Arkansas was convened in the city of Pine Bluff, May 19, 1936, with Grand Commander Edgar H. McFadden presiding.

Grand Commander McFadden granted four dispensations and refused one. No decisions were rendered. He recommended that the Charters of Palestine Commandery and Bethany Commandery be arrested, and that the members of these Commanderies join others in their immediate vicinities.

Grand Treasurer Belford reports receipts with balance on hand of $3,849.39; disbursements $2,050.47; leaving a balance on hand of $1,789.92.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Recorder we find a total membership of 1,464. Net gain for the year 2. Suspensions and demits total 152.

The Educational Foundation Committee have loaned $3,015 during the past year and have a balance on hand of $2,641.40. Repayments on principal during this period aggregate $1,900.

The next Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery will be held in the city of Little Rock, May 18, 1937.

California, 1936

The Seventy-eighth Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery was convened in the City of Sacramento, April 28, 1936 with Grand Commander, J. Robert Moulthrop presiding.

R.·.E.·.Sir Moulthrop presented a very fine report of his activities, occupying 14 pages of the Proceedings and containing much of interest.

Grand Recorder Davies reports a total membership in California of 11,267. Net loss for the year 625. Suspensions and demits total 657.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Treasurer we find receipts with balance on hand of $68,095.13; disbursements $42,948.22; leaving a balance on hand in the General Fund of $25,146.91.

The Educational Foundation Committee have loaned $3,150.00 during the year and have a balance on hand of $106,540.25.

Repayments of principal during this period aggregate $13,179.50.

The next Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery will be held in the city of San Francisco, April 22, 1937.

Colorado, 1935

The Sixtieth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Colorado was convened in the city of Denver, September 20, 1935 with Grand Commander Harry W. Ridgway presiding.

We can not find that R.·.E.·.Sir Ridgway granted any dispensations but he had rendered several minor decisions. At the beginning of the year he caused a number of meetings to be held and requests made on all of the Commanderies, for more vigorous and renewed interest of all the members, to overcome, if possible, inactivity that has prevailed during the past few years.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Treasurer we find receipts with balance on hand of $7,023.73; disbursements $3,069.25; leaving a balance on hand in the General Fund of $3,027.73; Triennial Fund $3,000.

Grand Recorder Cooper reports a total membership of 3,361. Net loss for the year 147. Suspensions and demits total 113.

The Educational Loan Committee have made 22 loans during the year amounting to $1,181. Principal payments during the same period aggregate $9,637.60. Balance on hand available for use $5,030.57; Invested Funds $12,045.07.

The next Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery will be held in the city of Denver September 18, 1936.

Connecticut, 1936

The Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut was convened in the city of Danbury, May 1, 1936 with Grand Commander David H. Treadwell presiding.

R.·.E.·.Sir Treadwell rendered one minor decision and granted 11 dispensations.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Treasurer we find receipt with balance on hand of $6,462.55; disbursements $3,885.36; leaving a balance on hand in the General Fund of $2,577.19; Invested Funds $21,474.75.

Grand Recorder Barber reports a total membership in Connecticut of 5,068, net loss for the year 359, suspensions and demits total 247.

The Educational Foundation Committee have loaned $5,100.00 during the year and have a balance on hand of $9,616.54. They have adopted the new regulations of the Grand Encampment.

The newly elected and appointed officers were installed by R.·.E.·.Sir Harry G. Pollard; assisted by R.·.E.·.Sir Charles F. White.

R.·.E.·.Sir Albert W. Maltoon presented a well written Report on Templar Review, occupying 52 pages of the Proceedings. Massachusetts and Rhode Island are courteously treated in two pages.

The next Annual Conclave of this Jurisdiction will be held in the city of Bridgeport, May 4, 1937.

District of Columbia, 1936

The Forty-first Annual Conclave of the District of Columbia was convened in the city of Washington, May 11, 1936, with Grand Commander, Arthur M. Poynton, presiding.

Nine dispensations were granted and none refused. No decisions were rendered.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Treasurer, we find receipts with balance on hand of $9,391.03; disbursements $4,016.52; leaving a balance on hand in the General Fund of $5,374.51; Triennial Fund $883.46.

Grand Recorder, Keiper, reports a total membership of 2,274; net loss for the year 69. Suspensions and demits total 91.

The Educational Foundation Committee made four loans during the year aggregating $514.00. Balance on hand available for use $6,973.57. Repayments on principal during the period amount to $2,082.46.

E.·.Sir James A. West submits his usual fine Report on Templar Review, and we agree with him most heartily in his opinion, as set forth under the heading, "Reviews and Reviewers."

The Forty-second Annual Conclave of this Jurisdiction will be held in the city of Washington, May 10, 1937.

Florida, 1936

The Forty-second Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Florida was convened in the city of Marianna, May 6, 1936 with Grand Commander, John B. Phelps presiding.

R.·.E.·.Sir Phelps granted one dispensation and refused none. No decisions were rendered. He feels there is a lack of interest on the part of officers of the Constituent Commanderies and says; "If the Order is to continue we must think more of the Order and less about personal honors, for after all they are but hollow honors unless you have done something to prove worthy of them."

Grand Recorder, Cary B. Fish, reports a total membership in Florida of 2,449. Net loss for the year 160. Suspensions and demits total 194.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Treasurer we find receipts with balance on hand of $6,054.43; disbursements $2,446.13; leaving a balance on hand in the General Fund of $3,608.30.

There is no report submitted by the Educational Foundation Committee and no date set for the next Annual Conclave.

Georgia, 1936

The Seventy-fifth Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery was convened in the city of Savannah, May 13, 1936 with Grand Commander, Edgar D. Kenyon, presiding.

Seven dispensations were granted and none refused. Two minor decisions were rendered. R.·.E.·.Sir Kenyon was obliged to discipline a presiding Commander and his Generalissimo. We admire the Grand Commander for having the courage of his convictions.

Grand Recorder Wood reports a total membership in Georgia of 3,004; net loss for the year 260. Suspensions and demits total 331.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Treasurer we find receipts with balance on hand of $21,054.31; disbursements $6,166.79; leaving a balance on hand of $14,887.52; Triennial Fund $143.78.

The Educational Foundation Committee have had their usual busy year with 50 loans made during the period. Balance on hand available for use $8,135.75.

The Seventy-sixth Annual Conclave of this Jurisdiction will be convened in the city of Macon, April 27, 1937.

Idaho, 1935

The Thirty-second Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery of Idaho was convened in the city of Moscow, May 9, 1935 with Grand Commander Dell O. Bellamy, presiding.

R.·.E.·.Sir Bellamy granted 7 dispensations and refused none. No decisions were rendered. He recommends that the Finance Committee take into consideration the salary paid the Grand Recorder, as it is his opinion that said salary, does not compensate him for the amount of work done.

Grand Treasurer Ensign reports receipts with balance on hand of $5,355.-26; disbursements $2,588.88; leaving a balance on hand of $2,766.38.

From the report of the Committee on Chartered Commanderies we find a total membership of 1,151. Net loss for the year 60. Suspensions and demits total 61.

The Educational Foundation Committee have loaned $3,835 during the year and repayments on principal during this period aggregated $4,612.32. Balance on hand including Invested Funds $6,300.

The next Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Idaho will be convened in the city of Boise May 14, 1936.

Illinois, 1936

The Eightieth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Illinois was convened in the city of Rock Island, September 26, 1936 with Grand Commander Karl A. Hallgren, presiding.

Grand Commander Hallgren has granted 123 dispensations during the year and has refused several requests. He has had no occasion to render any decisions, all questions being readily answered by reference to the Statutes.

Grand Treasurer Pierson reports receipts with balance on hand of $61,908.50; disbursements $40,459.47; leaving a balance on hand in the General Fund of $21,449.04. Invested Funds $66,500.00.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Recorder we find a total membership in Illinois of 22,666. Net loss for the year 2,219. Suspensions and demits total 1,654. The Per Capita Tax this year was remitted on a total of 2,033 members.

The Educational Foundation Committee have loaned $4,825 during the year and have a balance on hand available for use of $16,161.70. Invested Fund $170,000.

The report on Templar Review is from the pen of Past Grand Commander Henry R. Lumdblad, occupying 118 pages of the proceedings. The Preface to the review is well worth reading and we wish more of our members could have our privilege of enjoying it. Massachusetts and Rhode Island are thoroughly reviewed in six pages and we regret our inability to reciprocate.

The next Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery will be held in the city of Chicago, the time to be set by the incoming Grand Commander.

Iowa, 1936

The Seventy-third Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Iowa was convened at Templar Park, Spirit Lake, June 23, 1936, with Grand Commander Frederick Fischer presiding.

R.·.E.·.Sir Fischer granted 5 dispensations and refused 1. No decisions were rendered. He presented a fine report of his activities and it is evident he has had a very busy year.

Grand Treasurer Effler reports receipts with a balance on hand of $15,053.68; disbursements $10,144.56; leaving a balance on hand of $4,909.12; Charity Fund $9,443.41.

Grand Recorder Kastner reports a total membership of 7,183. Net loss for the year 476. Suspensions and demits total 491.

The Educational Foundation Committee have loaned $10,620 during the year and have a balance on hand, available for use of $13,161.77.

The Trustees of Templar Park report the property to be in good condition and they have repaid the Grand Commandery for money advanced for payment of over-due interest and taxes. Some minor repairs are necessary but the Trustees feel they should wait until more funds are available.

Past Grand Commander Charles C. Clark presented his usual well written report on Templar Review, occupying 108 pages of the Proceedings. Massachusetts and Rhode Island are thoroughly reviewed in 3 pages and we regret our inability to reciprocate.

The next Annual Conclave of this Grand Jurisdiction will be held in Templar Park, June 22, 1937.

Kansas, 1936

The Sixty-seventh Annual Conclave of this Jurisdiction was convened in the city of Independence, May 12, 1936, with Grand Commander George F. Beezley presiding.

R.·.E.·.Sir Beezley granted five dispensations and refused none. Two minor decisions were rendered. He was concerned during the year, not so much by the hope of increasing members as by building up a better Templar relationship. He feels that this program has met with success.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Treasurer we find receipts with balance on hand of $27,857.49; disbursements $13,103.97; leaving a balance on hand in the General Fund of $14,753.52; Triennial Fund $2,027.51.

Grand Recorder Strain reports a total membership in Kansas of 8,171. Net loss for the year 555. Suspensions and demits total 583.

The Educational Foundation Committee have loaned $8,987.50 during the year and repayments on principal during the same period aggregate $18,015.08. Balance on hand available for use $7,806.62.

E.·.Sir Albert K. Wilson presents a short Report on Templar Review in which Massachusetts and Rhode Island receive courteous consideration.

The next Annual Conclave of this Jurisdiction will be held in the city of Salina, May 11-12, 1937.

Kentucky, 1936

The Eighty-ninth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky was convened in the city of Paris, May 19, 1936 with Grand Commander George P. Ginn, presiding.

R.·.E.·.Sir Ginn granted 4 dispensations and none were refused. 1 minor decision was rendered. He recommends as a measure of economy that the publication of the Roster of Members, of the constituent Commanderies in the Annual Proceedings should be discontinued. We consider this a good recommendation and have often wondered why some Grand Commanderies continued to waste their money in this respect.

Grand Treasurer Stockton reports receipts with balance on hand of $10,610.72; disbursements $5,486.87; leaving a balance on hand of the General Fund of $5,123.85. Triennial Fund $4,735.19.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Recorder we find total membership of 4,432. Net loss for the year 367. Suspensions and demits total 323.

The Educational Foundation Committee have made 18 loans during the year aggregating $2,560. Repayments on principal during this same period amount to $7,084.57. Balance on hand available for use $7,355.18.

The next Annual Conclave of this Grand Jurisdiction will be held in the city of Danville, May 19, 1937.

Louisiana, 1936

The Seventy-third Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Louisiana was convened in the city of New Orleans, February 6, 1936 with Grand Commander Bradley Waelder, presiding.

R.·.E.·.Sir Waelder granted 1 dispensation and rendered several minor decisions during the year. He visited several of his constituent Commanderies and would have visited more, except that he deemed it advisable to conserve the finances of the Grand Commandery.

Grand Treasurer Haller reports receipts with balance on hand of $8,563.-68; disbursements $3,056.01; leaving a balance on hand of $5,507.67. Invested Funds $4,050.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Recorder we find total membership in Louisiana of 1,507. Net loss for the year 93. Suspensions and demits total 106.

The Educational Foundation Committee have made 6 loans during the year amounting to $1,100. Repayments on principal during the same period aggregate $2,601.12; balance on hand available for use $4,572.33.

The next Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Louisiana will be held in the city of New Orleans, February 4, 1937.

Maine, 1936

The Eighty-fifth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Maine was convened in the city of Portland, May 7, 1936, with Grand Commander Edward W. Cram, presiding. Among the distinguished guests present, we note the name of our own Grand Commander, R.·.E.·.Sir Sprague.

R.·.E.·.Sir Cram granted five dispensations and refused none. No decisions were rendered. He recommends a new Committee be appointed on Inspections, in order to improve the work from a military standpoint.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Treasurer, we find receipts with balance on hand of $19,253.70; disbursements $7,759.50; leaving a balance on hand of $11,494.20. Of this balance, the sum of $3,514.36 is impounded in closed banks. Triennial Fund $5,504.96 and $4,536.23 of this amount is also in closed banks.

Grand Recorder Leach reports a total membership in Maine of 6,553, net loss for the year 293. Suspensions and demits total 281.

The Educational Foundation Committee have made 32 loans during the year aggregating $5,225.00. Balance on hand available for use $20,973.51.

R.·.E.·.Sir David L. Wilson presents a well prepared Report on Templar Review occupying 43 pages of the Proceedings. Our Jurisdiction is courteously treated in two pages.

The next Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Maine will be held in the city of Portland, May 6, 1937.

Maryland, 1936

The Sixty-sixth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Maryland was convened in the city of Baltimore, May 20, 1936 with Grand Commander Harry B. Wright presiding.

Grand Commander Wright granted 8 dispensations and none were refused. No decisions were rendered. He recommended that the 3 Eastern Shore Commanderies be permitted to continue under their Charter, as to his mind, they have met all the requirements of the last Grand Conclave.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Treasurer we find receipts with balance on hand of $14,359.57; disbursements $4,586.26; leaving a balance on hand of $9,773.31.

From the Annual Report of Grand Recorder Gustave A. Eitel, we find a total membership in Maryland of 3,560. Net loss for the year 244. Suspensions and demits total 203.

The Educational Foundation Committee have made 18 loans during the past year aggregating $4,650.75. Repayments on principal during this period amount to $5,160.42. Balance on hand available for use $10,928.19.

The report of Templar Review is from the pen of E.·.Sir Howard Emmons, occupying 58 pages of the proceedings.

The next Annual Conclave of this Grand Jurisdiction will be held in the city of Baltimore, Wednesday, May 19, 1937.

Mississippi, 1936

The Seventy-sixth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Mississippi was convened in the city of Jackson, April 27, 1936, with Grand Commander Tom Q. Ellis presiding.

R.·.E.·.Sir Ellis has issued a few dispensations but does not list them in the Proceedings. No decisions were rendered.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Treasurer we find the Order Expenses exceed the income in the amount of $519.16. However, the General Fund has a balance on hand of $6,241.38 plus securities amounting to $7,077.28.

Grand Recorder Fawcette reports a total membership in Mississippi of 1,583. Net loss for the year 13. Suspensions and demits total 159.

The Educational Foundation Committee have loaned $691.34 during the year and have a balance on hand available for use of $7,905.58.

The report on Templar Review is from the pen of E.·.Sir Horace Villee in which Massachusetts and Rhode Island are courteously treated.

The next Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery of Mississippi will be held in the city of Biloxi at a date to be designated later.

Michigan, 1936

The Eightieth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Michigan was convened in Traverse City, June 9, 1936—with Grand Commander John H. Rademaker, presiding.

R.·.E.·.Sir Rademaker granted 22 dispensations and refused 1. One minor decision was rendered. He is encouraged to note that 114 were Knighted during the year ending March 31, an increase of about 17% over the previous 12 months.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Recorder we find a total membership of 10,708. Net loss for the year 699. Suspensions and demits total 581.

Grand Treasurer George L. Harvery reports receipts with balance on hand of $10,379.41; disbursements $10,115.78; leaving a balance on hand of $263.63; Invested Funds $26,430.

The Educational Foundation Committee have loaned $8,955 during the past year and repayments on principal during this period aggregate $10,-477.82. Balance on hand available for use $12,514.88.

The next Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Michigan will be held in the city of Lansing June 8–9–10, 1937.

Minnesota, 1936

The Seventy-first Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery was convened in the city of Brainard, June 17, 1936 with Grand Commander, Joseph H. Davison, presiding.

R.·.E.·.Sir Davison granted 21 dispensations and refused one. No decisions were rendered. Referring to the Knights Templar Hospital Building Fund he says: "It is gratifying to note that our funds are on the increase from interest and improved business conditions and this Grand Commandery must continue its efforts to have the funds available when they will be needed."

From the Annual Report of the Grand Treasurer we find receipts with balance on hand of $4,156.53; disbursements $3,222.38; leaving a balance on hand of $934.15; Invested Funds $11,400.00.

Grand Recorder Fishel reports a total membership of 5,901. Net loss for the year 206. Suspensions and demits total 252.

The Educational Foundation Committee have made 33 loans during the year aggregating $5,005.00. Repayments on principal during the period amount to $4,955.75. Balance on hand available for use $6,077.27.

The next Annual Conclave of this Jurisdiction will be held in the city of Mankato, June 16–17, 1937.

Missouri, 1936

The Seventy-fifth Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery was convened in the city of Columbia, May 19, 1936, with Grand Commander Bernard C. Hunt, presiding.

R.·.E.·.Sir Hunt granted eleven dispensations and refused one. On May 4, 1936 he caused the Charter of Lamar Commandery to be arrested in view of the fact, that many irregularities exist.

Grand Treasurer Barnhill reports receipts with balance on hand of $19,752.21; disbursements $9,730.10; leaving a balance on hand of $10,022.-11; Invested Funds $55,000.00.

Grand Recorder, Ray V. Denslow reports a total membership in Missouri of 9,247. Net loss for the year 606. Suspensions and demits total 642.

The Educational Foundation Committee have made 78 loans during the year aggregating $6,482.50. Repayments on principal during this period amount to $31,295.30. Balance on hand available for use $13,220.92. Invested Funds $85,500.00.

We are glad to note that Missouri continues the custom of printing a Report on Templar Review and that Ray V. Denslow submits this Report as usual. We always enjoy reading his reviews and wish all our Fraters in Massachusetts and Rhode Island could be so privileged.

The next Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Missouri will be held in the city of Kirksville, May 18, 1937.

Montana, 1935

The Forty-eighth Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery was convened in the city of Havre, May 15, 1935, with Grand Commander John W. Agaw presiding.

Grand Commander Agaw granted 4 dispensations and refused 1. Two minor decisions were rendered.

From the Annual report of the Grand Treasurer we find receipts with balance on hand of $14,747.98; disbursements $8,729.81; leaving a balance on hand of $6,018.17; Triennial Fund $567.50; Melita Island Fund $711.00.

Grand Recorder Jones reports a total membership in Montana of 1,824. Net loss for the year 91. Suspensions and demits total 81.

The Educational Foundation Committee have granted 24 loans during the year amounting to $3,125. Repayments on principal during this period aggregate $3,512.27. Balance on hand available for use $2,993.90.

The next Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery will be held in the city of Lewiston, June 16-17, 1936.

Nebraska, 1936

The Sixty-fourth Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery was convened in the city of North Platte, April 16, 1936, with Grand Commander Lewis E. Smith presiding.

R.·.E.·.Sir Smith granted five dispensations and refused none. No decisions were rendered. He submits a fine and complete report of his year's work occupying 20 pages. About nine pages of his address are devoted to Grand Encampment procedure as it relates to the Educational Foundation. We are inclined to believe that his ideas are both necessary and timely.

Grand Treasurer Whitmore reports receipts with balance on hand of $11,203.19; disbursements $6,491.79; leaving a balance on hand in the General Fund of $4,711.40.

Grand Recorder Dysart reports a total membership in Nebraska of 2,815. Net loss for the year 251. Suspensions and demits total 222.

The Educational Foundation Committee have made 10 loans during the year for the total sum of $2,000. Balance on hand available for use $9,657.75. Repayments on principal during this period aggregate $3,879.50.

Nevada, 1936

The Eighteenth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Nevada was convened in the city of Reno, June 8, 1936, with Grand Commander, Henry C. Schmidt, presiding.

One dispensation was granted and no decisions rendered.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Treasurer, we find receipts with balance on hand of $996.72; disbursements $309.80; leaving a balance on hand of $686.92.

Grand Recorder Beemer, reports a total membership in Nevada of 299, net loss for the year 5.

The Nineteenth Annual Conclave of this Jurisdiction will be convened in the city of Las Vegas, June 7, 1937.

New Hampshire, 1935

The Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of New Hampshire was convened in the city of Keene on Tuesday, October 1, 1935 with Grand Commander Frank A. Fish presiding. Among the distinguished guests present we find the following from our own Jurisdiction:

Grand Commander Arthur S. Vaughn
Deputy Grand Commander Harold W. Sprague
Past Grand Commander William S. Hamilton

R.·.E.·.Sir Fish granted 10 dispensations and refused none. Three minor decisions were rendered. We have had the pleasure of meeting Grand Commander Fish a number of times and know that he has had a very active and successful year.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Treasurer we find receipts with balance on hand of $7,073.09; disbursements $2,440.01; leaving a balance on hand of $4,632.08; Triennial Fund $2,659.90.

From the statistics furnished by the Grand Recorder we find a total membership in New Hampshire of 2,312. Net loss for the year of 131. Suspensions and demits total 98.

The Educational Foundation Committee have made 7 loans during the year amounting to $950 with repayments on principal during the same period aggregating $3,007.15.

Grand Recorder Cheney presents a well written report on Templar Review occupying 51 pages of the proceedings. Our Jurisdiction is courteously treated in 2 pages.

The next Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery will be held in the city of Concord, Tuesday, October 6, 1936.

New Mexico, 1936

The Thirty-fifth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of New Mexico was convened in the city of Albuquerque, March 20, 1936, with Grand Commander George D. Robinson presiding.

Grand Commander Robinson granted 5 dispensations and none were refused. No decisions were rendered. On November 21, after careful investigation he ordered the Charter of Rio Pecos Commandery to be arrested. All orders and paraphernalia are in the hands of the Recorder.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Treasurer we find receipts with balance on hand $3,815.42; disbursements $1,777; leaving a balance on hand in the General Fund of $2,038.42; Triennial Fund $677.84.

Grand Recorder Keen reports a total membership of 976. Net loss for the year 19. Suspensions and demits total 71.

The Educational Foundation Committee have granted 5 loans during the year amounting to $1,150. Balance on hand available for use $1,710.01. Repayments on principal for the same period aggregate $1,293.11.

The Thirty-sixth Annual Conclave of this Grand Jurisdiction will be held in the city of Sante Fe on Friday, March 19, 1937.

New York, 1936

The One Hundred and Twenty-third Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of New York was convened in the city of Buffalo, June 8, 1936 with Grand Commander Everett R. Tomlinson, presiding.

Among the distinguished guests present we note the name of our own Grand Commander, R.·.E.·.Sir Harold W. Sprague.

R.·.E.·.Sir Tomlinson granted 68 dispensations and none were refused. No decisions were rendered. His report is short but shows conscientious attention to his duties as Grand Commander.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Recorder we find a total membership of 22,189. Net loss for the year 2,087. Suspensions and demits total 1,762. Their net loss is 627 less than that of the previous year which shows a gain in the right direction.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Treasurer we find receipts with balance on hand in the General Fund of $52,627.20; disbursements $24,871.74; leaving a balance on hand of $27,755.46; Triennial Fund $1,291.85; Permanent Fund $96,380.02; Contingent Fund $11,484.60.

The Educational Foundation Committee have loaned $16,000.00 during the year while repayments on principal during the same period aggregate $44,000.00. Balance on hand $152,197.63.

R.·.E.·.Sir John B. Millan presents his usual well prepared Report on Templar Review in which our Jurisdiction is courteously treated in two pages.

The next Annual Conclave of this Jurisdiction will be held in the city of Gloversville, June 14, 1937.

North Carolina, 1935

The Fifty-fifth Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery was convened in the city of Raleigh, October 28, 1935 with Grand Commander J. L. Peacock presiding.

R.·.E.·.Sir Peacock granted 5 dispensations and refused 3. One decision regarding uniform was rendered. He submitted a well written report on his activities as Grand Commander and it is evident he has taken his duties seriously. Under words of the Order he says: "All branches of Masons need to be more careful in the selection of members and more diligent to retain them, by intelligent treatment in Masonic principles. An intelligent Nation makes a valuable Nation."

From the Annual Report of the Grand Recorder we find total membership of 2,677. Net loss for the year 388. Suspensions and demits total 369.

Grand Treasurer Mudgett reports receipts with balance on hand of $7,865.93; disbursements $5,505.57; leaving a balance on hand in the General Fund of $2,360.36. Permanent Fund $29,901.79.

The Educational Foundation Committee have made 24 loans during the past year amounting to $2,339. Balance on hand including Invested Funds totals $24,943.

The next Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery will be held in the city of Salisbury, Monday, October 26, 1936.

North Dakota, 1936

The Forty-seventh Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery was convened in the city of Jamestown, May 25, 1936 with Grand Commander Chester A. Butler presiding.

R.·.E.·.Sir Butler granted one dispensation and refused one. No decisions were rendered. He recommended that the Grand Commandery appoint a Committee to revise their By-laws and bring them down to date to conform to the By-laws of the Grand Encampment.

Grand Treasurer Miller reports receipts with a balance on hand of $3,478.70; disbursements $1,796.15; leaving a balance on hand in the General Fund of $1,682.55; Inspection Fund $217.76.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Recorder we find a total membership of 1,368. Net loss for the year 109. Suspensions and demits total 115.

The Educational Foundation Committee have made 31 loans during the year aggregating $2,818.00. Balance on hand available for use $3,219.76.

The Forty-eighth Annual Conclave of North Dakota will be held in the city of Bismarck, on the third Monday in May, 1937.

Oklahoma, 1936

The Forty-first Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma was convened in the city of Bartlesville, May 19, 1936 with Grand Commander Layton S. Chilcutt presiding.

R.·.E.·.Sir Chilcutt granted nine dispensations and refused one for a Commandery to appear in an Armistice Day parade.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Treasurer we find receipts with balance on hand of $7,032.93; disbursements $3,685.85; leaving a balance on hand in the General Fund of $3,347.08; Triennial Fund $967.29.

Grand Recorder Lathim reports a total membership of 4,084. Net loss for the year 205. Suspensions and demits total 395.

The Educational Foundation Committee have loaned $325.00 during the year and have a balance on hand of $17,344.84. Repayments on principal during this period amount to $5,095.38.

The Forty-second Annual Conclave of this Jurisdiction will be held in Ponca City, May 18 and 19, 1937.

Oregon, 1936

The Fiftieth Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery was convened in the city of Portland, April 13, 1936, with Grand Commander Carl W. Evertsen presiding.

R.·.E.·.Sir Evertsen granted one dispensation for public appearance and refused none. No decisions were rendered. By an amendment to the Templar Code, permission was given the Grand Commander to change the time or place of their Annual Conclave in case of emergency.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Treasurer we find receipts with balance on hand of $18,276.58; disbursements $8,413.29; leaving a balance on hand in the General Fund of $9,863.29; Invested Funds $8,500.

From the Annual Report of Grand Recorder Cheney we find a total membership in Oregon of 2,469. Net loss for the year 121. Suspensions and demits total 150.

The Educational Foundation Committee have granted 10 loans during the year, amounting to $1,165, an average of $106 per loan. Repayments on principal of loans during this period have amounted to $4,196, and interest to the amount of $853.07 has been received. Balance on hand and available for use $9,577.57.

The next Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Oregon, will be held in the city of Portland, October 4, 1937.

Pennsylvania, 1936

The Eighty-third Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery was convened in the City of Harrisburg, May 26, 1936 with Grand Commander William O. Thompson presiding. Among the many distinguished guests we note the name of our own Grand Commander, R.·.E.·.Sir Harold W. Sprague.

R.·.E.·.Sir Thompson presented a very fine report of his activities and it is evident he has had a very busy year. Sixty-three dispensations were granted and none refused. No decisions were rendered.

From the Annual Report of Grand Treasurer Mussar we find receipts with balance on hand of $60,182.49; disbursements $26,465.73; leaving a balance on hand in the General Fund of $33,716.76; Invested Funds $117,889.72.

Grand Recorder Laird reports a total membership in Pennsylvania of 30,982, net loss for the year 2,031. Suspensions and demits total 1,545.

The Educational Foundation Committee have loaned $20,083.00 during the past year and have a balance on hand available for use of $32,988.28. This total balance including Invested Funds amounting to $130,988.28.

On motion of the Jurisprudence Committee five of the Grand Commander's recommendations were adopted and one refused.

R.·.E.·.Sir Arthur D. Bacon submitted his usual fine Report on Templar Review occupying 86 pages of its Proceedings. Our Jurisdiction is thoroughly treated in three pages and we regret our inability to reciprocate.

The next Annual Conclave of this jurisdiction will be held in the city of York, May, 1937.

South Carolina, 1936

The Thirtieth Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery was convened in the city of Rock Hill, April 15-16, 1936, with Grand Commander William A. Giles presiding.

R.·.E.·.Sir Giles granted no dispensations during this year but did render four minor decisions. He reports that on account of ill health during most of the year he has been compelled to rely on others to carry much of the burden.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Treasurer we find receipts with balance on hand of $3,320.14; disbursements $1,469.72; leaving a balance on hand of $1,850.42. Of this balance the sum of $806.37 is in a closed bank.

Grand Recorder Lindsay reports a total membership of 1,359. Net loss for the year 133. Several Commanderies have not submitted their Annual returns, either financial or statistical.

The Educational Foundation Committee have loaned $3,250.00 during the past year and principal repayments during the same period aggregate $2,712.81. Balance on hand $4,401.49.

The Thirty-first Annual Conclave of this Jurisdiction will be held in the city of Greenwood, May 12, 1937.

Tennessee, 1936

The Seventy-fourth Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery was convened in the city of Nashville, May 20, 1936 with Grand Commander Carlisle W. Evans presiding.

R.·.E.·.Sir Evans granted eight dispensations and none were refused. No decisions were rendered. In regard to his Stewardship he says: "I especially stressed the reinstatement of the worthy Sir Knights who had been dropped for non-payment of dues, and I am very happy to say that much effort has been put forth and the result is very gratifying."

From the Annual Report of the Grand Treasurer we find receipts with balance on hand of $8,022.18; disbursements $3,959.23; leaving a balance on hand of $4,062.95; Triennial Fund $2,384.72; Invested Funds $2,300.00.

Grand Recorder Doss reports a total membership in Tennessee of 2,398. Net loss for the year 276. Suspensions and demits total 304.

The Educational Foundation Committee have loaned $1,200.00 during the year and have a balance on hand of $11,391.34. Repayments on principal during this period aggregate $4,882.69.

The next Annual Conclave of this Jurisdiction will be held in the city of Nashville, in May 1937, the exact date to be set by the Grand Commander.

Texas, 1936

The Eighty-third Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Texas was convened in the city of Galveston, May 6, 1936 with Grand Commander Otto Stehlik presiding.

R.·.E.·.Sir Stehlik granted 37 dispensations and refused none. No decisions were rendered.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Recorder we find total membership in Texas of 10,298. Net loss for the year 663. Suspensions and demits total 720. We are pleased to note that 139 were Knighted during this period.

Grand Treasurer Clarkson reports receipts with balance on hand of $22,583.40; disbursements $15,731.48; leaving a balance on hand in the General Fund of $6,851.92; Reserved Funds $30,000; Triennial Fund $2,196.93.

The Educational Foundation Committee have made 246 loans aggregating $31,681. Balance on hand available for use $7,286.37.

The Eighty-fourth Annual Conclave will be held in the city of Temple, Tuesday, April 6, 1937.

Utah, 1935

The Twenty-sixth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Utah was convened in the city of Ogden on Tuesday, May 14, 1935 with Grand Commander Hermon J. Craven, presiding.

R.·.E.·.Sir Craven rendered 3 dispensations and none were refused. No decisions were rendered. He visited a number of his constituent Commanderies during the year and was pleased at the condition in which he found them.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Treasurer we find receipts with balance on hand of $2,945.15; disbursements $1,236.25; leaving a balance on hand of $1,708.90.

Grand Recorder Dunlap reports a total membership in Utah of 877. Net gain for the year 41. We congratulate our Fraters in Utah, in getting out of the Red, so far as losses are concerned.

The Educational Foundation Committee have made 8 new loans during the year amounting to $1,250. Repayments on principal during this same period aggregate $867.02.

The next Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Utah will be held in the city of Price on Tuesday, May 12, 1936.

Vermont, 1936

The Ninety-fourth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Vermont was convened in the city of Burlington, May 18, 1936 with Grand Commander John O. Baxendale presiding.

Among the distinguished guests present at the Conclave we note the following from our own Jurisdiction:

R.·.E.·.Sir Harry G. Pollard
Grand Commander Harold W. Sprague
Deputy Grand Commander Charles T. Converse
E.·.Sir John E. Rines
R.·.E.·.Sir Charles F. White
R.·.E.·.Sir Benjamin F. Downing
R.·.E.·.Sir William S. Hamilton

R.·.E.·.Sir Baxendale granted 3 dispensations and refused none. No decisions were rendered. He recommends that $200, or as much thereof as may be needed, be allowed as traveling expenses of the Grand Commander on his visits to sister Jurisdictions.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Recorder we find a total membership in Vermont of 2,597. Net loss for the year 157. Suspensions and demits total 106.

Grand Treasurer Whitney reports receipts with balance on hand of $11,151.72; disbursements $2,804.41; leaving a balance on hand in the General Fund of $8,347.31; Invested Funds $5,000.

The Educational Foundation Committee have made 16 loans during the past year amounting to $2,825. Balance on hand available for use $5,261.57.

The next Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Vermont will be held in St. Albans, May 23 and 24, 1937.

Virginia, 1936

The One Hundred-fourteenth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Virginia was convened in the city of Norfolk, May 14, 1936, with Grand Commander William M. Brown presiding. Among the distinguished guests present at this Conclave, we note the name of our own Grand Commander Harold W. Sprague.

R.·.E.·.Sir Brown granted 4 dispensations and refused 7. No decisions were rendered. He is pleased to report that in spite of a continued reduction in membership, the Grand Treasurer's report does not show a deficit.

Grand Recorder Eddy reports a total membership in Virginia of 4,833. Net loss for the year 322. Suspensions and demits total 349. One Commandery reported a gain in Membership while 29 reported a loss.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Treasurer we find receipts with balance on hand of $6,427.49; disbursements $6,298.33; leaving a balance on hand of $129.16; Invested Funds $3,000.

The Educational Foundation Committee loaned $2,240 during the past year while repayments on principal during the same period aggregated $5,073.46. Balance on hand $3,693.96 plus Bonds $24,000.

The Report on Templar Review is from the pen of R.·.E.·.Sir Robert F. Taylor, occupying 81 pages of the Proceedings. As usual our distinguished Frater presents a very fine review and we thank him for his courteous treatment of our Jurisdiction.

The next Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery will be held in the city of Norton, May 13, 1937.

Washington, 1936

The Forty-ninth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Washington was convened in the city of Tacoma, May 11, 1936, with Grand Commander, William M. Hodgkin presiding.

R.·.E.·.Sir Hodgkin granted fifteen dispensations and none were refused. No decisions were rendered. We like the tone of his Annual Report and are sure he must have proved both popular and efficient.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Treasurer we find receipts with balance on hand of $9,197.87; disbursements $3,748.90; leaving a balance on hand in the General Fund of $5,448.97; Triennial Fund $15,709.54.

Grand Recorder Stone reports a total membership in Washington of 3,739. Net loss for the year 278. Suspensions and demits total 279. We miss our good Frater's Report on Templar Reviews which for many years was always outstanding.

The Educational Foundation Committee have loaned $3,250.00 during the year and repayments during the same period aggregate $5,626.96. Balance on hand available for use $12,154.17.

The next Annual Conclave of this Grand Jurisdiction will be held in the city of Bellingham, May 10-11, 1937.

West Virginia, 1936

The 62nd Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of West Virginia was convened in the City of Huntington, May 20, 1936 with Grand Commander Horace D. Gast presiding.

R.·.E.·.Sir Gast granted 9 dispensations and none were refused. No decisions were rendered.

Grand Treasurer Hoffman reports receipts, with balance on hand of $10,295.47; disbursements $5,211.89; leaving a balance on hand of $5,083.58; Triennial Fund $1,324.89.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Recorder we find a total membership of 4,888. Net loss for the year 315. Suspensions and demits total 314.

The Educational Foundation Committee have made 31 loans during the past year aggregating $2,525.00. Repayments on principal during this period amounted to $3,996.20. Balance on hand available for use $6,447.99.

The next Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery will be held in the city of Parkersburg, on the 3rd Wednesday of May, 1937.

Wisconsin, 1935

The Seventy-seventh Annual Conclave of this Grand Jurisdiction was convened in the city of Appleton, September 6, 1935 with Grand Commander George P. Nevitt presiding.

R.·.E.·.Sir Nevitt granted 15 dispensations and refused 3. No decisions were rendered. After considerable correspondence Viroqua Commandery No. 34 voluntarily surrendered their Charter, by vote of the members. He recommended to the Finance Committee that a Blanket Position Bond would be obtained, covering offices in the constituent Commanderies, as well as the Grand Commandery, at a great saving.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Recorder we find a total membership in Wisconsin of 9,238. Net loss for the year 292. Suspensions and demits total 252.

Grand Treasurer Kapke reports receipts with a balance on hand of $12,891.94; disbursements $9,315.77; leaving a balance on hand of $3,576.17; Invested Funds $15,858.76.

The Educational Foundation Committee have loaned $2,370 during the year while repayment on principal during the same period totals $11,649.22. Balance on hand available for use $3,325.26; Invested Funds $23,000.

The next Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Wisconsin will be held in the city of Milwaukee at a date to be arranged later.

Wyoming, 1936

The Forty-ninth Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery of Wyoming was convened in the city of Cheyenne, July 13, 1936, with Grand Commander Henry G. Watson presiding.

R.·.E.·.Sir Watson granted one dispensation and refused one. No decisions were rendered. He recommends that some special program be prepared for their 50th Annual Conclave next year.

Grand Recorder Repath reports a total membership in Wyoming of 1,246. Net loss for the year 56. Suspensions and demits total 57.

From the Annual Report of the Grand Treasurer we find receipts with balance on hand of $4,702.43; disbursements $1,356.67; leaving a balance on hand in the General Fund of $3,345.76; Triennial Fund $600.04.

The Educational Foundation Committee have made 10 new loans during the year aggregating $1,150.00. Repayments on loans during this period amount to $2,414.72.

The Fiftieth Annual Conclave of this Jurisdiction will be held in the city of Douglas, June 21, 1937.

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